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7 pm Make Your Child Brilliant – *Episode 1 of 6*
7:45 pm Your Voice – Bernadette Tynan of *Make Your Child Brilliant*
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8 pm The Agenda with Steve Paikin – *What's school for?* – What is the purpose of a K-12 public education?
9 pm Through These Eyes
10 pm Chinese School – *Episode 1 of 5*

Tuesday, September 16

7 pm Make Your Child Brilliant – *Episode 2 of 6*
7:45 pm Gorilla Parenting – *Winning and Losing*
8 pm The Agenda with Steve Paikin – *2 Million Minutes* – Comparing Grade 8-12 education systems around the world.
9 pm Judah and Mohammad
10 pm Chinese School – *Episode 2 of 5*

Wednesday, September 17

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7:45 pm Gorilla Parenting – *Leaders and Followers*
8 pm The Agenda with Steve Paikin – *At the Head of the Class* – Are Ontario teachers up to the task?
9 pm Admission Impossible – *Episode 1 of 2*
10 pm Chinese School – *Episode 3 of 5*

Thursday, September 18

7 pm Make Your Child Brilliant – *Episode 4 of 6*
7:45 pm Gorilla Parenting – *Risk Taking*
8 pm The Agenda with Steve Paikin – *The Learning Brain* – What does brain research tell about teaching?
9 pm Admission Impossible – *Episode 2 of 2*
10 pm Chinese School – *Episode 4 of 5*

Friday, September 19

7 pm Make Your Child Brilliant – *Episode 5 of 6*
7:45 pm Gorilla Parenting – *Nature vs. Nurture*
8 pm The Agenda with Steve Paikin – *Does separate work?* – Given what's been discussed all week, are alternative schools the way to go?
9 pm The Secret Life of the Classroom
10 pm Chinese School – *Episode 5 of 5*

Saturday, September 20

7 pm Make Your Child Brilliant – *Episode 6 of 6*
7:45 pm Gorilla Parenting – *Ethics*
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Listeria test times too slow: Experts

HEALTH When the first hints of a listeria outbreak emerged from a Toronto nursing home in mid-July, it took more than three weeks for health officials to get test results from labs in Ottawa and Winnipeg. That is far too long, microbiology experts now concede, delaying the response of public health officials and allowing the spread of disease to continue. "It is inexcusable to wait that number of days in order to get an answer back," says Dr. Don Low, medical director of Ontario's provincial lab in Toronto. To date, 16 people — 14 in Ontario — have died from the listeria outbreak.

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9/11 anniversary **Rivals united in tragedy**

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U.S. presidential candidates Sen. John McCain, left, and Sen. Barack Obama toss flowers yesterday at Ground Zero to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in New York. **More coverage, p. 16**

Tories turf top official over gaffe

The man who was the victim of a serious gaffe that cost the Conservative Party its communications director thinks the prime minister went too far in trying to minimize the damage.

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"I certainly wouldn't want to be the reason for anyone losing their job or anything like that," Jim Davis of Bridgewater, N.S., said yesterday. Davis, 60, called on Prime Minister Stephen Harper to reconsider his decision to suspend party spokesperson Ryan Sparrow for the rest of the campaign.

> **"I certainly wouldn't want to be the reason for anyone losing their job or anything like that."**
> Jim Davis

Sparrow was sidelined for suggesting that Davis, whose son Cpl. Paul Davis died in Afghanistan, criticized Harper's commitment to withdraw Canadian troops in 2011 because he is a Liberal supporter.

"Somebody in our war room sent out an inappropriate e-mail questioning the motivation of a father of a deceased Canadian soldier who questioned our policy in Afghanistan," Harper said at a campaign event at a winery in St-Eustache, Que.

"That individual has been suspended from the campaign. He has apologized to the individual in question."

Jim Davis, who has been an outspoken supporter of the NATO mission, had appeared on CTV's Canada AM yesterday morning to voice his concerns about pulling out the troops too quickly.

His son died after his light-armoured vehicle collided with a taxi and rolled over in March 2006 in Afghanistan.

CTV reporter Tom Clark asked the prime minister about the comments at a morning scrum in Montreal. Within 15 minutes, he received an e-mail from Sparrow saying that the father was a supporter of Toronto-area Liberal incumbent Michael Ignatieff.

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Campaign urges public to report rough drivers

As the province prepares to add restrictions to young drivers, the widow of a trucker killed in a street racing crash has launched a safety campaign that will encourage motorists to call police when they spot aggressive drivers.

Debbie Virgoe has joined the Ontario Trucking Association and police in a campaign that will turn trucks into rolling billboards for safety.

The association is giving truckers decals that read "Help Keep our Workplace Safe," to post on their vehicles. At yesterday's campaign launch, police urged drivers to call 9-1-1 or dial OPP to report the licence number of cars they see speeding, weaving, following too closely or making unsafe lane changes.

Truck driver David Virgoe was hailed as a hero in June 2007 when he managed to steer his rig toward an embankment rather than into the path of other cars after he was cut off on Highway 400.

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Woman died of stab wounds to torso, autopsy finds
Autopsy reports released yesterday indicate a 21-year-old Toronto woman died from stab wounds to the torso. Police found Haleema "Nadia" Kasana's body Monday night in her fifth-floor apartment at 2350 Finch Ave. W. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Road closures this weekend

Maintenance work on the Gardiner Expressway and several events in the downtown core this weekend will cause several road closures. The Ukrainian Festival will close Bloor Street West between Jane Street and Runnymede Road. The Polish Festival will close Roncesvalles Avenue from Marion Street to Howard Park Avenue. The AIDS Walk for Life will close Church Street from Alexander Street to Carleton Street. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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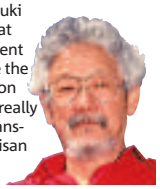

David Suzuki argues that environment should be the top election issue but really should transcend partisan politics.

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What's online today.

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These results are not official.

Man gets jail for 'night of torture'

SENTENCE A Brampton man has been given a six-year prison sentence for subjecting a college student to what a judge described as a terrifying "night of torture."

Roman Stehniy, 36, led the nightmarish persecution of a bound Milin Janic, 26, in the basement of his home for more than five hours — cutting off a baby toe, striking him with a baseball bat and threatening to set fire to him. Stehniy believed the young man had stolen a large quantity of cannabis from his warehouse.

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Strike ban costly: Study

Arbitrated settlements tend to award higher wages, says think-tank

Declaring transit an essential service — contemplated after last spring's TTC strike — could add $6 million a year to the TTC's $850 million labour costs, according to a think-tank.

The C.D. Howe Institute's study found that arbitrated settlements for Canadian workers deemed essential services tended to award higher wages than negotiated contracts — by about .08 per cent per year.

The question whether to declare the TTC an essential service is expected to come up at the city's executive committee next month, in a discussion prompted by the strike that stranded TTC riders unexpectedly on April 25.

Right to strike recommended

- In August, the TTC recommended retaining workers' right to strike. It said not doing so could raise wage costs by up to 6 per cent, adding $11.2 million to the value of the 2005 contract with the Amalgamated Transit Union.

If the TTC were declared essential, the cost over a three-year contract could be about $23 million, according to the study written by Benjamin Dachis.

The move wouldn't necessarily ensure a total ban on service disruptions. The report points to the example of Montreal, where transit has been deemed an essential service since 1982. While the union there must keep service operating during peak hours, the legislation allows some work stoppages at other times.

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Eyewitness to shooting says man shot in face

CRIME As traffic slowed to about 40 km/h on the eastbound 401, Dayne Rose saw his chance. He thrust open the Lexus' rear passenger door and jumped.

But as he fell, an arm cloaked in a white long-sleeved shirt pointed at him. It held a silver handgun.

"Then there was a POP!" said the middle-aged man who had been driving directly behind the car. Rose's body tumbled into the middle lane of the Highway 401 collectors near the Keele Street off-ramp.

"He wasn't shot in the chest, or the neck, he was shot in the face."
Eyewitness

The champagne-hued Lexus didn't speed up, it just continued along toward the ramp.

The driver following behind slammed on the brakes and ran to the man's side.

"I'm tired of watching the news and seeing everything wrong," said the man, who does not want to be named because he is a police witness.

"He wasn't shot in the chest, or the neck, he was shot in the face. I know this because I'm the one who rolled him over," he said.

Detectives plan to hold a news conference at police headquarters this morning to update the case.

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In memory of mom

TERRY FOX RUN Even though it lasted more than 25 years, it was a love affair of the most innocent kind.

In the weeks leading up to the annual Terry Fox run, June Currie would sign up alone, collect pledges from her friends, and tell her children about the virtues of "Mr. Fox."

Most years, she walked alone. This year, her family will walk without her. Currie died in June, days after her 69th birthday, from cancer.

"She loved the man, Mr. Fox, and loved his cause. She was so devoted to it. She would even walk in the rain," said her daughter Susan Currie from Aurora, who will participate in her first Terry Fox run in the Beaches on Sunday.

On her 25-year sheet, Currie had only one sticker missing — the year the event conflicted with her daughter's wedding.

Cause

- Although diagnosed just last October with Stage 4 lung cancer, June Currie had committed to the cause decades ago, before the disease became personal.

In the last few months of her life, Linda Donnelly, another of her daughters, contacted the Terry Fox Foundation who sent them a package with the sticker from the year Currie had skipped.

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Susan sits in her father's house wearing her Terry Fox T-shirt looking at some of her mom's memorabilia.

Watchdog reins in trustees

DEFICIT Booze? No more. Master's degrees? Not on the taxpayer's dime. Meals charged? Not until the deficit is erased.

The man overseeing Toronto's Catholic school board has reined in trustee spending after they were ousted from power last June amid allegations of abuses. The changes are expected to save $675,000.

The new rules force trustees to submit proper receipts for reimbursement and also suspends the work of trustees' constituency assistants, who are paid up to $18,000 a year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

MARRIAGE Two animal-rights activists got married yesterday at Kentucky Fried Chicken's Queen Street West lunch counter. Bride Alex Bury and groom Jack Norris served a new KFC vegetarian sandwich to celebrate the global fast-food chain getting into bed with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA.

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Peel councillors draw up wish list of demands

PACT Peel Region councillors of various political stripes have agreed on a set of federal election demands meant to help Canada's ailing cities to tackle their massive infrastructure deficits and boost their economies.

The centrepiece of their demands is a portion of the GST — such as the 1 cent demanded in Mayor David Miller's stalled One Cent Now campaign, which they say could raise about $5 billion per year.

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But the Peel demands go much further: They call for federal action on the war on poverty, immigration reform and assurances jobless Ontarians will get the access to benefits as the rest of the country.

They say these demands represent the minimum list Ottawa needs to prioritize if cities are to survive the coming challenges.

The Peel wish list — titled Strengthening Peel and All Municipalities — comes as many big-city advocates fumble for an effective way to impact the federal election process.

Peel councillors plan to review the final draft next week before presenting it on Sept. 22 to federal candidates running in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Techie jailed for porn

A Richmond Hill computer expert who promised to help Toronto police fight Internet child pornography was led out of court in handcuffs to face a 21-month jail term after investigators found 1,136 images of child porn on his home computer.

As he passed his sentence, Mr. Justice Dan Ferguson agreed with Crown and defence lawyers that Brian Brown, 45, a first-time offender, was an exemplary citizen in most facets of his life.

However, the judge also noted that there were some 2,500 transactions on an Internet server Brown designed to exchange images of child pornography.

An Internet ad for the server encouraged like-minded people to "show off their own preteen girl or boy for other lovers to appreciate," the judge noted.

Before the judge passed sentence, Brown argued that he was an innocent man.

"It is not something that I would do," Brown said in a clear voice. "… I have no interest in children and am not a pedophile. I am innocent, sir."

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Four charged with kidnapping

CRIME Police arrested four men in connection to the kidnapping of a 58-year-old Mississauga man. The victim failed to return home Sept. 8, and his family received several calls from the suspects, demanding money for the safe return of the man. The victim was found on Heritage Road in Brampton. He suffered minor injuries. Guramrit Sidhu, 45, Tarinder Saggi, 32, Balbir Thind, 45, and Manpreet Padda, 25, were all charged with kidnapping.

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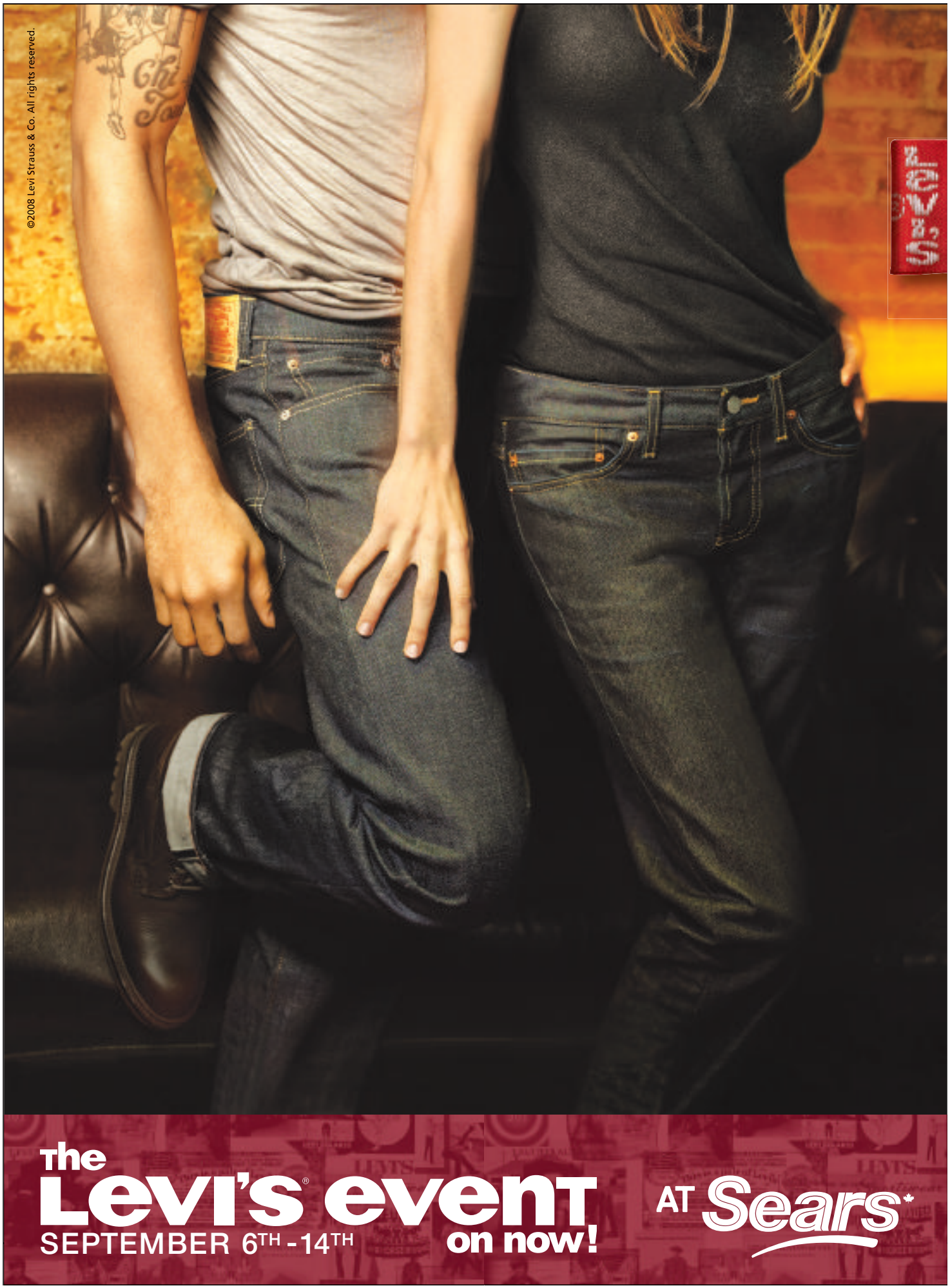
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Hacking suspect arrested

Mansour Moufid, a 20-year-old Carleton University student, was arrested and charged yesterday for allegedly hacking student passwords and personal data by using software that covertly records a user's keystrokes and another program that reads information from magnetic stripe cards.

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Visa lawsuit given green light

The Federal Court has cleared the final hurdle for a class-action lawsuit against Citizenship and Immigration Canada for allegedly profiting from the visa application processing fees for two million people.

In a decision released Wednesday, the court allowed the case to proceed and also include visa applicants who were charged fees for 43 types of immigration visas — from temporary resident visas to permanent ones.

"The decision strips the path to the disclosure of Immigration Canada's books. We are determined to get to the bottom of this."
Richard Kurland

The action, initiated by representative plaintiffs Alan Hinton and Irene Popapova, two years ago, seeks to recover $700 million Canada received from some 100 million visas issued between 1994 and 2005.

"The decision strips the path to the disclosure of Immigration Canada's books," said Richard Kurland, one of three lawyers working for the claimants. "We are determined to get to the bottom of this."

Court documents show Hinton, 31, paid $75 to sponsor his 30-year-old wife in 2003. Based on calculations from Immigration Canada's internal documents, the couple alleges the actual unit cost for processing a spousal application was only $36.69, resulting in a profit to Ottawa of $38.31.

They argue that the department violated Canada's Financial Administration Act, which prohibits the government from charging service fees in excess of the actual cost of providing a service.

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Charity rooted in premier's childhood

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Ed Stelmach

ALBERTA As a boy, Ed Stelmach fell off of a children's slide, breaking his left femur and putting him in traction for nearly three months.

His time in the hospital, which forced him to become ambidextrous in everything but golf, left a lasting impression. The Alberta premier has never forgotten the work of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, who taught him to read and write through the first half of Grade 1, or the economic hard-times Alberta went through back then.

Even in these prosperous times for the province, Stelmach said there still are Albertan families struggling to get by and charity organizations can address their troubles much better than his government can.

"Through intervention ... we support those families, so chances are we'll save the children before they ... turn towards the bad," Stelmach told Metro exclusively yesterday before teeing off his second annual charity golf game.

Canadian official frustrated in efforts to care for Khadr

GUANTANAMO A Canadian government representative complained as recently as a few months ago that her efforts to ensure proper medical and other care for Toronto-born prisoner Omar Khadr in Guantanamo Bay were being stymied by his American captors, newly released documents reveal.

The classified accounts of welfare visits by Foreign Affairs official Suneeta Millington show even simple requests to provide 21-year-old Khadr with a pillow, blanket or sunglasses to protect his shrapnel-damaged eyes and body foundering on apparent security concerns.

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Great Lakes fish in trouble

Federal regulators trying to contain a fish-killing virus in the Great Lakes region have issued rules for shipping live fish across state lines that some wholesalers say will be financially devastating.

The requirements were announced Tuesday by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. They require testing and inspections of 28 farm-raised and live bait species susceptible to viral hemorrhagic septicemia, or VHS.

The rule also sets testing requirements for live fish shipped Ontario and Quebec.

The virus, fatal for fish but not believed to affect humans, has caused die-offs in all the Great Lakes except Lake Superior the past couple years. It also has shown up in some inland waterways.

> **"They are potentially destroying the Great Lakes aquaculture industry."**
> Dan Vogler

Authorities say it endangers the region's billion-dollar sport and commercial fisheries.

Most of the eight states on the Great Lakes have taken steps to prevent the disease from spreading. APHIS, the federal agency, issued an emergency order on interstate fish transport in 2006 and has modified it several times while developing the interim rules released this week.

They take effect Nov. 10. APHIS said it would accept public comments until then and develop a final set of regulations. No deadline for its completion has been set.

But some suppliers of live fish said the complex package was regulatory overkill that would eat away their profits on test and inspection fees without solving the VHS problem.

Dan Vogler, a board member of the Michigan Aquaculture Association and operator of a Wexford County fish farm that ships live rainbow trout to several states, said the industry is at risk.

"They are potentially destroying the Great Lakes aquaculture industry."

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Paraglider's body found

FOUND The body of a 59-year-old paraglider missing since Wednesday was found yesterday in Lake Simcoe near Georgina, Ont.

Iqbal Hussain Rupani of Richmond Hill took off on a paragliding flight from the town of Baldwin, about an hour's drive northeast of Toronto, on Wednesday evening.

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News in brief

TRIAL A request for delay has been denied in the trial of two Canadian Hells Angels-affiliated bikers charged with a 2006 gunfight that injured several rival Outlaws.

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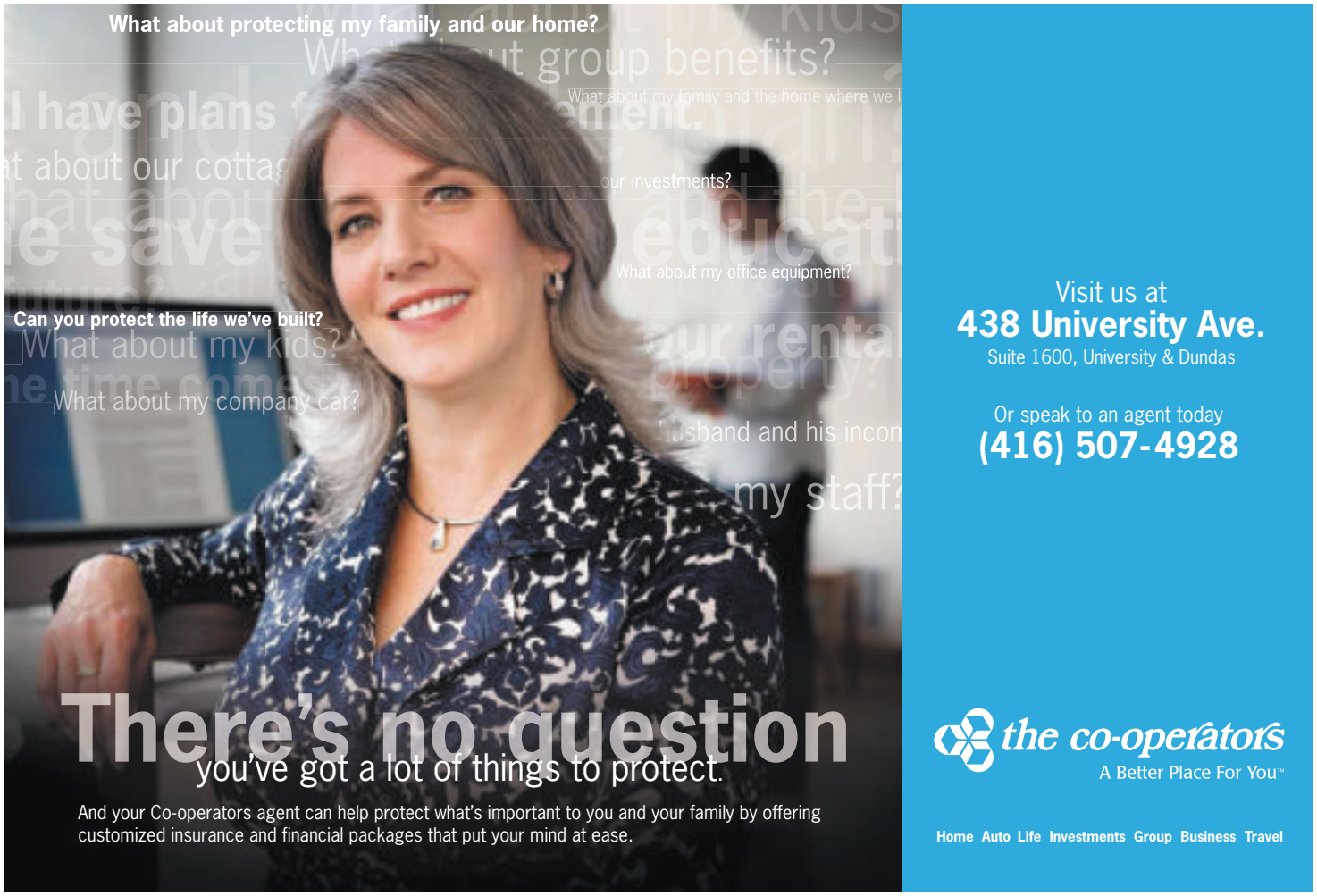
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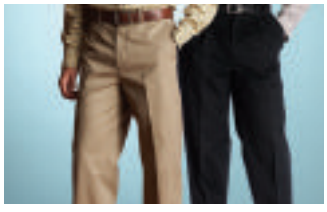

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Making the most with your vote

Mississauga's Jenna Little wants to mark her ballot for the Green party, but she says she doesn't want to waste her vote. So she has joined the "Anti-Harper Vote Swap Canada" group on Facebook to swap votes with someone in another Ontario riding during next month's election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Election 2008

Technology changes face of campaigns

Blame it all on Pale Male and Lola.

Green Leader Elizabeth May owes a tip of the hat to a pair of red-tailed hawks from NYC for the success of the online outrage that boosted her into the upcoming TV debates, according to political scientist Chanchal Bhattacharya.

The Earth moved in Canada and the ground will never be the same, he argues, as a result of the abrupt about-face of network executives.

"There's been a fundamental change in Canadian politics and the question is when the parties will learn to adapt," he says. "They'd better because it's not something they can control. Politics is far less controllable, including by the news media."

"That massive, spontaneous and very swift expression of voter outrage (over May) simply couldn't have happened in a pre-Web world."
Chanchal Bhattacharya

Arguably, this script began with an outpouring of anger in 2004 against the NYC condo board that removed the birds' nest from the building's ledge. It worked, and the nest was restored.

"That massive, spontaneous and very swift expression of voter outrage (over May) simply couldn't have happened in a pre-Web world," says Bhattacharya, from Athabasca University.

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News in brief

THE MORE THE MERRIER? Now that Green Leader Elizabeth May has locked up a spot in the leaders' debates, the Animal Alliance Environment Voters party wants in. Parties from the margins of Canada's political spectrum are celebrating May's flight from the fringe to the front line of federal politics. They're also clamouring for a place of their own at the big podium. Liz White of the Animal Alliance Environment Voters party — which attracted a total of 72 votes 2006 — said May's invitation is great news.

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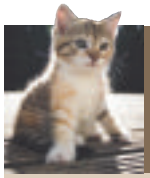

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper admires some grapes on the vine yesterday while touring a local vineyard during a campaign stop in St-Eustache, Que.

Unity at risk: PM

Liberal carbon tax would create turmoil

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has revived Canada's unity debate with a stark warning that the Liberals' proposed carbon tax would plunge the country into a "big recession," creating economic turmoil that would give life to Quebec's separatist movement.

"I do not need any lessons from Stephen Harper on fighting for the national unity of my country."
Stéphane Dion

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion quickly rejected the incendiary charge yesterday, firing back with the claim that while he was fighting to keep the country intact, Harper was fuelling regional divisions.

"While he was busy talking about building firewalls in the West, I was fighting to keep my country together. Because I love Canada," said Dion, who in 1999 helped craft legislation designed to ensure separatists could not break up the country on the basis of a loosely worded referendum question.

"I do not need any lessons from Stephen Harper on fighting for the national unity of my country," Dion said.

The "firewall" reference stems from a letter written by Harper when he was president of the National Citizens' Coalition calling on Alberta to assume greater powers in order to shelter it from punitive measures from Ottawa.

Harper's revival of the unity fight started yesterday morning when he told a Montreal audience of young business leaders that the Liberals' carbon tax would "plunge Canada into recession.

"By undermining the economy and re-centralizing money and power in Ottawa, it can only undermine the progress that we have been making on national unity," Harper told the audience.

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News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Prime Minister Stephen Harper's sudden and firm declaration that his government would not seek another extension of the Afghan mission has been greeted with muted angst by some military families. The notion that Canada would pull completely out of Afghanistan in 2011 shocked those who have been counted as ardent supporters of the Tory government's stay-the-course war policy.

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NDP

Layton plans cap-and-trade

ENVIRONMENT The New Democratic Party would implement a cap-and-trade system to cut 80 per cent of greenhouse gases by 2050 by punishing big polluters, leader Jack Layton said.

Jack Layton

The NDP plan for the environment would also put a halt to any further tarsand development in Alberta because "it is the largest environmental challenge facing Canada," Layton told a rally yesterday in the heart of Montreal.

Layton took aim at large-scale emitters and Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion yesterday, criticizing Dion for the first time since the election campaign began.

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Liberals

Grit calls for Green Shift tweak

PLAN A prominent Liberal candidate who once butted heads with leader Stéphane Dion says the party should make more changes to its Green Shift plan to help farmers and northerners.

David Orchard, who is running in the vast northern Saskatchewan riding of Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River, said he stands by Dion.

But the organic farmer suggested that the Green Shift plan would hurt voters in his riding and should be tweaked — again.

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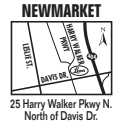

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Hot on the campaign trail

Liberal MP Ruby Dhalla received an unexpected endorsement from men's magazine Maxim, which has rated her No. 3 among "the world's hottest politicians." Mara Carafagna, a member of the Italian chamber of deputies, was No. 1, while Sarah Palin was No. 2. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Election 2008

From Metro newsrooms across the country...

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Halifax

The ruling party was left scrambling this week when Tory hopeful Rosamond Luke — fined in 2006 for uttering threats — withdrew in a hurry. Interested in running in this N-dipper stronghold? Prime Minister Stephen Harper comes to Halifax this morning, so bring your resumé — and your clean criminal record. Green giant Elizabeth May, campaigning against Bluenose political heavyweight Peter MacKay, celebrated her invite to the federal leaders' debate in Pictou, N.S.

Montreal

Every election, it's the same story. Does the Bloc and its leader, Gilles Duceppe, have a place in Ottawa? This time, the attacks weren't coming from the other parties, but from the separatist family. Ex-Parti Québécois minister Jacques Brassard said Wednesday that the Bloc leans too much to the left, that the party wasn't talking enough about sovereignty and that it was becoming a clone of the NDP. "The Bloc is there to defend the ideas and requests of Quebecers, regardless of the left and right ideologies," Duceppe said.

Ottawa

The major parties used Ottawa as a launch pad for the 2008 federal election race. Travel plans were at the fore as Prime Minister Stephen Harper boarded a plane for Quebec City and later jetted to Vancouver. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion wasn't travelling first class to open the campaign as the party waited too long to procure a plane. Eventually, the Liberals were able to find a 30-year-old Boeing 737, but not before Dion boarded a bus to visit Ottawa South. NDP Leader Jack Layton opened his campaign against the backdrop of Parliament Hill by announcing he wanted to take Harper's portfolio as prime minister. Green Leader Elizabeth May's visit to the Ottawa Mission formed the basis for her policy on eliminating poverty.

Toronto

Jobs and money. Money and jobs. They are what makes a political campaign go round. Both Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion got an earful during the opening week on the hustings in the GTA. Mississauga Mayor "Hurricane" Hazel McCallion lashed out at both leaders, demanding they do more to help with infrastructure in Canadian cities. On the job front, Harper said, "We can't guarantee your jobs," when asked about 500 more job cuts at the Ford Oakville assembly plant.

Calgary

It has been a fairly quiet week on Calgary's federal election front as a majority of the city's comfortable Conservative MPs left town to lend a hand in other ridings across the country with much more at stake. On Tuesday, though, University of Calgary political scientist Barry Cooper said the environment had supplanted health care as Canadians' top issue and called them both "bogus" issues.

Edmonton

The stranglehold the federal Conservatives have on Alberta means few visits from national leaders but Edmonton did have a close encounter with one of the party honchos this week. NDP Leader Jack Layton was in the 780 area code briefly on Monday as his campaign plane flew past the Alberta capital headed for the Northwest Territories. Layton did get a little closer to Fort McMurray, Alta., though, as his NDPlane dipped to 1,500 metres to view the effect giant oil-sands developments have had on the northern landscape.

Vancouver

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Jack Layton both visited Vancouver on Monday, the first full day of campaigning — strong evidence that the key to 24 Sussex Drive may lie in B.C. In a carefully staged effort to woo middle-class and ethnic voters, Harper spoke to reporters from the home of Richmond, B.C., resident Edwin Huang. He fed Cheerios to Huang's infant son and touted the Tories' $1,200 a year taxable benefit to parents of young children. Later in the day, Layton told about 250 supporters in MP David Emerson's riding that an NDP government would ban MPs from floor-crossing like Emerson did. Outside, a small but vocal group of young Liberals shouted tirelessly that "a vote for the NDP is a vote for Harper" leading to a Wild West-style shoutdown with Layton supporters.

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Mugabe ready to share power

President Robert Mugabe agreed to share power with the opposition yesterday after more than two decades as Zimbabwe's unchallenged leader, according to the South African mediator. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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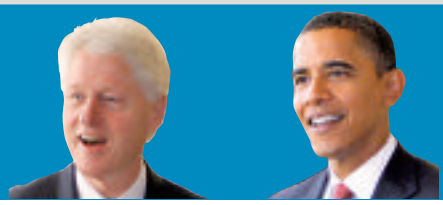

Clinton predicts win

Barack Obama and former U.S. president Bill Clinton talked for two hours yesterday, their first meeting in a White House race that had once bitterly divided them. Clinton predicted that Obama will win the presidency "pretty handily."

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Bush approves military raids into Pakistan

INTELLIGENCE President George W. Bush has secretly approved U.S. military raids inside Pakistan against alleged terrorist targets, according to a former intelligence official with recent access to White House strategy in Afghanistan.

A senior U.S. military official last week also confirmed that a U.S. special forces attack had taken place about 1½ kilometres inside Pakistan, across the border from Afghanistan.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the internal debate over the U.S. response to rising violence along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border includes discussion of classified intelligence.

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Texas braces for Ike

Authorities in the Houston area and along the Southeast Texas Gulf Coast ordered hundreds of thousands of people to evacuate yesterday as hurricane Ike lumbered toward the coast and threatened to grow even stronger.

But authorities urged people who don't live in eight specific zip codes in the low-lying areas and near Galveston Bay to remain at home.

"We are still saying: Please shelter in place, or to use the Texas expression, hunker down," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, the county's chief administrator.

In Houston, gleaming skyscrapers, the country's biggest refinery and NASA's Johnson Space Center lie in areas that could be vulnerable to wind and floodwaters.

If current projections of the storm's path hold up, the area surrounding Houston — home to about four million people — would be lashed by the eastern side of the storm, said meteorologist Jeff Masters. This stronger side often has punishing rains, walloping storm surge and tornadoes.

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DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Adrian Demetreo boards the windows of his business in Galveston, Texas, yesterday as Hurricane Ike approches.

Mighty Ike

- Ike is expected to become at least a Category 3 storm, with winds upward of 178 km/h, or a Category 4, with winds of at least 210 km/h.

2008 deadliest year for U.S. troops in Afghanistan

Insurgents killed two U.S. troops in Afghanistan yesterday on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, bringing the total dead this year to 113 and making it the deadliest year for American forces since U.S. troops invaded the country in 2001 for sheltering Osama bin Laden.

The NATO-led force in Afghanistan said one soldier was killed in the east when insurgents attacked a compound. The separate U.S.-led coalition said a second service member died while conducting combat operations.

A western military official said both troops were American.

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News in brief

RUSSIA Prime Minister Vladimir Putin yesterday strongly defended Russia's war in Georgia and insisted that Russia has no intention of annexing the territory of former Soviet republics.

PALIN Gov. Sarah Palin arrived in Alaska to a cheering crowd, a blur of smiling supporters eager to embrace her after a whirlwind of national scrutiny since she was named Republican presidential nominee John McCain's running mate.

PRICEY JUG A rare Islamic crystal jug mistaken earlier this year for a relatively cheap French claret pitcher is now expected to fetch more than $5 million US at auction.

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Ireland's majestic sail-training ship, the Asgard II, foundered off the French coast yesterday, but its 25 passengers and crew escaped safely in lifeboats. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

AID Cuba says it has no interest in a strings-attached U.S. offer of hurricane disaster relief. However, the Cuban Foreign Ministry says it is asking Washington to suspend some trade restrictions so it can buy materials to help it recover from hurricanes Ike and Gustav. A ministry statement published in the Communist newspaper Granma says Cuba hasn't asked the United States government to give it anything.

WONDER DOG A fluffy little dog named Lexi is being called a hero for helping to rescue an 85-year-old neighbour who collapsed in his Brooklyn apartment. Linda Deutsch thought Lexi — a white bichon frise — was being naughty when she refused to get into the elevator. Finally, Deutsch let Lexi lead her down the hall, where she heard a cry for help. The superintendent was summoned and Charles Postler, found lying on his floor, was taken to a hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

9/11 tributes

Familiar rituals of grief marked the seventh anniversary of Sept. 11 yesterday as thousands paid tribute at the attack sites.

At the Pentagon, 15,000 people turned out for the dedication of the first permanent memorial built at any of the sites where hijacked planes crashed.

In New York, the crowd fell silent in a park just east of the trade centre site at 8:46, 9:03, 9:59 and 10:29 a.m., the times when two hijacked jets slammed into the buildings and the twin towers fell.

Family members of the trade centre dead and students representing the more than 90 countries that lost citizens in the attack read the names of the 2,751 victims killed in New York; 24 Canadians were killed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Researchers rediscover frog

AUSTRALIA A tiny frog species thought by many experts to be extinct has been rediscovered alive and well in a remote area of Australia's tropical north, researchers said yesterday. The 3.75 cm-long Armoured Mistfrog hadn't been seen since 1991, and many experts assumed it had been wiped out by a fungus that struck Queensland state. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

14 injured in Chunnel fire

RAIL A fire broke out yesterday on a train carrying trucks under the English Channel between England and France, injuring 14 people and halting traffic in the undersea rail tunnel, officials said.

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Trade surplus falls

Housing market cools for sixth month

Canada's economy let off more steam in July as the trade surplus with the rest of the world fell by 12 per cent compared with June, and the housing market cooled for a sixth month.

The loonie tumbled to its lowest level in a year on the news, losing 0.59 of a cent to 92.89 cents US.

On the trade front, Statistics Canada reported yesterday that the surplus faded to $4.9 billion in July from a revised $5.6 billion in June, when the surplus was 3.5 per cent smaller than originally thought.

World influence

- Canada's dollar is heavily influenced by world demand for crude oil and other commodities exported from this country.

In the housing market in July, prices for new and existing houses slowed mostly because of a softening market in Western Canada, said Statistics Canada.

Prices rose the fastest in Regina, where the cost of a new house skyrocketed 29.6 per cent, though that was down from the record increase of 34 per cent in April.

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Software firm Corel cuts 90 jobs

WORKERS Software producer Corel Corp. is cutting its global workforce by about 8 per cent, affecting 90 employees, including 20 from its Ottawa office, to increase operational efficiency. The Ottawa-based company said the move will allow it to increase investment in growth opportunities, including emerging markets and e-commerce. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

SECURITIES Lehman Brothers has approached other major financial institutions about a potential acquisition or investment in the battered securities firm, people close to the situation said yesterday. The No. 4 investment bank in the United States has been casting a wide net to find a potential buyer.

PRINTING Montreal-based newspaper publisher and commercial printer Transcontinental Inc. increased it profits in the third quarter by 9 per cent to $30.3 million despite challenges from the value of the Canadian dollar and the slow U.S. economy.

U.S. ECONOMY The U.S. trade deficit shot up in July to the highest level in 10 months, to $62.2 billion US, as oil imports hit an all-time high, offsetting strong export growth. The deficit with China climbed to the second highest level on record. METRO NEWS SERVICES

CAW slams timing of GM deals

POINTS The Conservative government used General Motors to score political points on the eve of a federal election, union leaders charge.

Top officials of the Canadian Auto Workers said yesterday the government steered GM into a late deal and disclosure of a major investment hoping to boost its fortunes in southern Ontario now reeling from job losses.

"This was a federal government ploy to rally votes heading into a federal election," said Chris Buckley, president of Oshawa CAW Local 222. "The timing was very suspect."

Federal Industry Minister Jim Prentice called the allegation "nonsense," saying agreement in principle was reached late last Friday so GM could proceed with the project and avoid weeks of delay because of a looming election.

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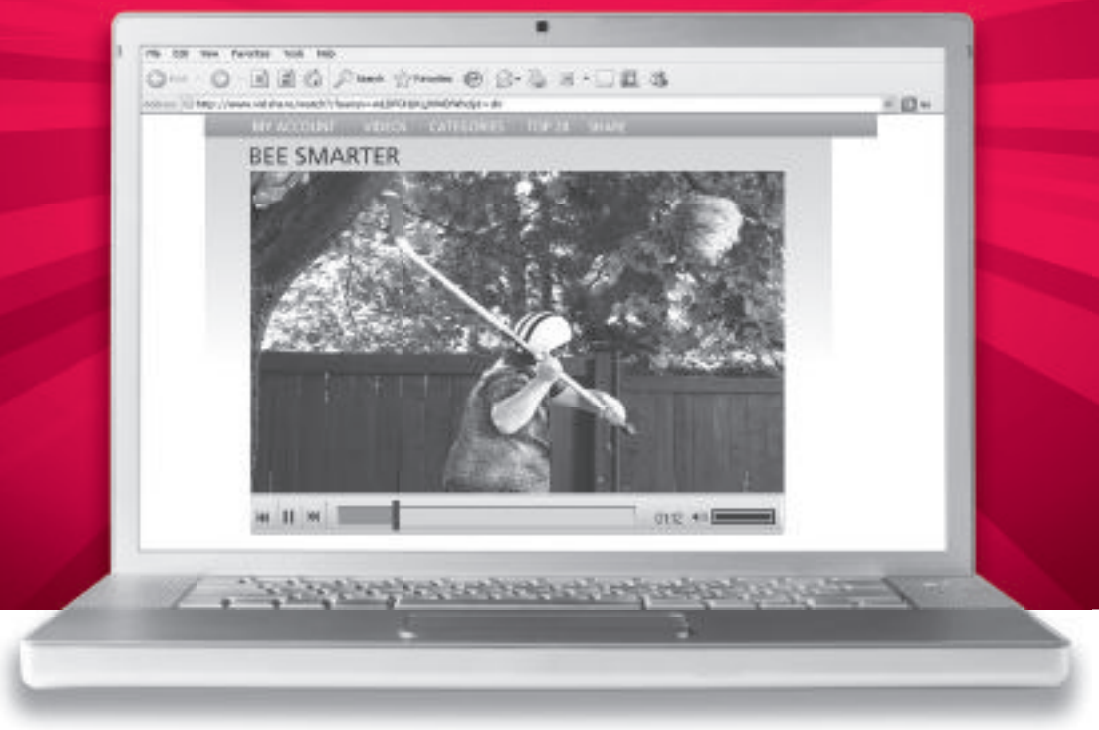

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Texans game moved to Monday night

The Houston Texans' game against the Baltimore Ravens was moved to Monday night at 8:30 p.m. ET because of Hurricane Ike. The game was originally scheduled for 4:15 p.m. Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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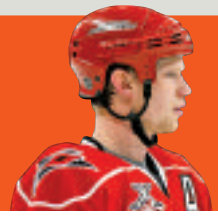

Staal inks $57M extension

The Carolina Hurricanes signed Eric Staal, left, to a seven-year contract extension yesterday. The deal worth $57.75 million US will pay the centre an average of $8.25 million starting in 2009-10 and will last through the 2015-16 season. The 23-year-old two-time all-starand MVP of last year's all-star game was key component of the Carolina team that won the 2006 Stanley Cup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ACC gets a makeover

When you take a tour around the Air Canada Centre and listen to the extensive renovation plans Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment have for the arena, it's hard not to start drawing parallels to the organization's NHL team.

The building is currently receiving a multi-million dollar upgrade that is expected to be completed by next September. The timeline for the Maple Leafs roster to be rebuilt is much longer than that.

With the Air Canada Centre set to celebrate its 10-year anniversary in February, MLSE decided to put even more money into the building than usual this off-season.

An $8-million scoreboard and control room upgrade has already been installed while construction is underway for what is to become a large atrium entrance that will feature a 60-by-40-foot screen overlooking an outdoor plaza.

The company sees the renovation as a reward for its fans.

"We have great support here," said Bob Hunter, who runs the ACC. "The fans continue year after year to give us that support. I mean it's like an 'IOU' in our books, we owe it to them.

"When you're sitting at home watching your high definition television and you come down here and you see 10-year-old technology, (it's) not the same. It's like keeping up with the Joneses — you've got to continue to reinvest."

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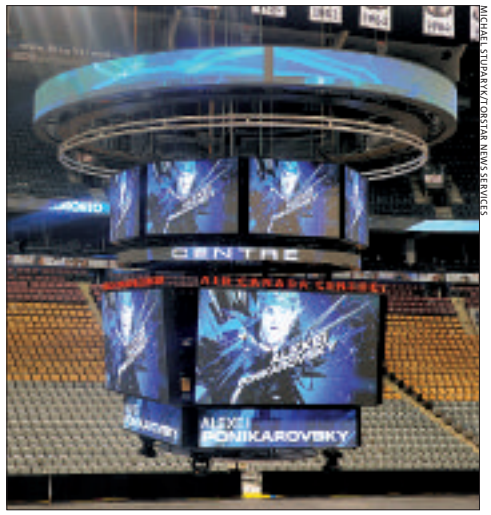

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The Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment show off their new hi-definition scoreboard at the Air Canada Centre yesterday.

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A step closer to hope.

Patrick Casey lost a friend to HIV/AIDS, and describes his friend's struggle as, "Heroic at the best of times, horrific at the worst." Over the past 5 years Patrick has been involved in many events including the Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life and to date has raised $20,000 including $10,000 from the Team Scotia Community Program, which contributes to funds raised by Scotiabank employees.

From organizing a Branch team to walk, to red ribbon and bake sales, Patrick gives back every day - allowing community organizations to help Canadians living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

"I'm very proud of Scotiabank's involvement in the AIDS Walk for Life and helping to create awareness. Until there is a cure there will be a need for the Walk. I'll be there and it's good to know that Scotiabank will be there with me."

Patrick Casey, SMDI Error Resolution Officer

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Hurricane Ike forces Cubs-Astros games to be postponed

The first two games of this weekend's series between the Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros have been postponed because of the potential impact of hurricane Ike. The teams were to have started a three-game series in Houston tonight. No makeup dates have been set. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ex-player disses CFL

Ayanbadejo compares league to junior-college football

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Many here in Canada tend to take the CFL seriously, but just how seriously do its players take it?

Brendon Ayanbadejo, a linebacker who spent two seasons earlier this decade with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Toronto Argonauts and B.C. Lions and is a member these days of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, has some face-slapping views about the CFL. When asked by the Baltimore Sun this week what the CFL was like, Ayanbadejo said this (brace yourself):

"It was like being paid to play junior-college football. Junior college was fun, but it was definitely not as serious as Division One, and the CFL is definitely not nearly as serious as the NFL. You get paid to do it, and you have fun and travel around Canada and learn about other people and other customs, but …"

Ouch.

If you think about it, though, the CFL really is perceived generally as nothing but a stepping stone by U.S. players aiming to make the NFL.

Heck, Winnipeg veteran Milt Stegall, who can set the CFL's receiving record with 17 yards during the Bombers' game in Toronto tonight, ended up in Canada only because he failed in NFL tryouts. And even Don Matthews, the ornery head coach who returns to the sidelines with the Argos tonight, is the CFL career leader in wins only because his many applications to the NFL were rejected.

Brendon Ayanbadejo of the Baltimore Ravens

I have some thoughts on Matthews, incidentally, and you can read them and other CFL-oriented notes in my latest CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca.

• Two B.C. natives are in the running to be chosen MVP in the AL this season. Justin Morneau and Jason Bay have been major contributors to the playoff runs for the Minnesota Twins and Boston Red Sox, respectively, and will draw votes from voting baseball reporters.

There is an issue, however, that could prevent Bay from getting sufficient support. It's the same issue that may hurt the chances of the Los Angeles Dodgers' Manny Ramirez and/or the Milwaukee Brewers' C.C. Sabathia in the running for NL MVP. All three joined their teams after mid-season, inter-league trades.

"People are talking about not voting for Jason, Manny or C.C. because they came from other leagues, but that's pure nonsense," said ESPN analyst Rick Sutcliffe, a former MLB pitcher. "Why should these guys be penalized because they were traded? Forget about that other-league stuff. We have inter-league games now and we should have inter-league MVPs."

• And look for ex-Blue Jays pitcher Bud Black to be fired as the San Diego Padres' manager right after the season.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Foul ball

• The mother-in-law of White Sox pitcher Javier Vazquez was hit in the head by a foul ball while he was pitching against the Blue Jays in Chicago this week. She fainted but, we're told, wasn't seriously injured.

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Olympic wrestler files appeal

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Leafs GM aiming low for season

Cliff Fletcher is not only managing a hockey team, he's managing the expectations of Maple Leafs fans.

And the bar, it is clear, has been set low for the upcoming NHL season.

"You don't have to be a Rhodes Scholar to know there's going to be rocky days head, tough games, maybe tough stretches," Fletcher said yesterday in an informal get-together with local hockey beat writers in the players' dressing room lounge.

It was a major contrast, both in form and forum, to the stilted, incredulous pronouncement handed down from Mount Maple Leaf on the eve of last season's training camp when, at a formal press conference, coach Paul Maurice declared: "We'll compete for the Stanley Cup."

Fletcher offered no similar alert yesterday for the Cup engraver to remain on standby. Instead, during the session — the likes of which his predecessor John Ferguson would never make — himself vulnerable — Fletcher tossed around words like "patience" and "development" as he examined the upcoming campaign.

Cliff Fletcher

"Unfortunately, there's no fast-track system. There's no miracle cure out there," he said of rebuilding the Maple Leafs.

The message was clear: Brace yourself. The Leafs are going to struggle early and often.

But with Ron Wilson behind the bench, proper tutelage in the organization, and the continued acquisition of young talent, Toronto could eventually have the base for sustained success. Once there, they'll even get back in the business of signing big-name free agents.

> **"You don't have to be a Rhodes Scholar to know there's going to be rocky days ahead."**
> Cliff Fletcher

But don't be surprised if it gets ugly between now and then.

Fletcher, looking relaxed and very much in control of the storied franchise, was remarkably candid in his incisive comments about Toronto's roster.

He believes the Leafs have only one top-six forward — Nik Antropov. He said Alexei Ponikarovsky and newcomer Niklas Hagman "are on the fringe of that."

There was no mention of Matt Stajan or Alex Steen.

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Habs folding in Roy's jersey

NHL The Montreal Canadiens plan to retire Patrick Roy's No. 33 jersey on Nov. 22. The Hall of Fame netminder led Montreal to Stanley Cup victories in 1986 and 1993. Roy, the head coach of the Quebec Remparts in the QMJHL, is considered one of the top goaltenders in NHL history. Roy is expected to be the last in a string of players whose jerseys have been retired leading into the team's 100th anniversary celebrations this season.

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Sports in brief

PARALYMPICS Canada's Michelle Stilwell captured her second Paralympic Games gold medal yesterday, but her first as a wheelchair racer. Stilwell, from Nanoose Bay, B.C., a gold medallist in wheelchair basketball in 2000 in Sydney, raced to top spot in the 200-metre T52 classification race.

SOCCER Former Chelsea star Gianfranco Zola promised to deliver thrilling soccer to West Ham after signing a three-year deal yesterday to manage the Premier League club.

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Impossible to ignore Pg 3

There's no denying Steven Soderbergh's epic bio-pic about Che Guevara, starring Benicio Del Toro, is one of the most compelling films of the year. The director talks to Metro about why he chose to make a film about a man whose image still resonates 40 years after his death.

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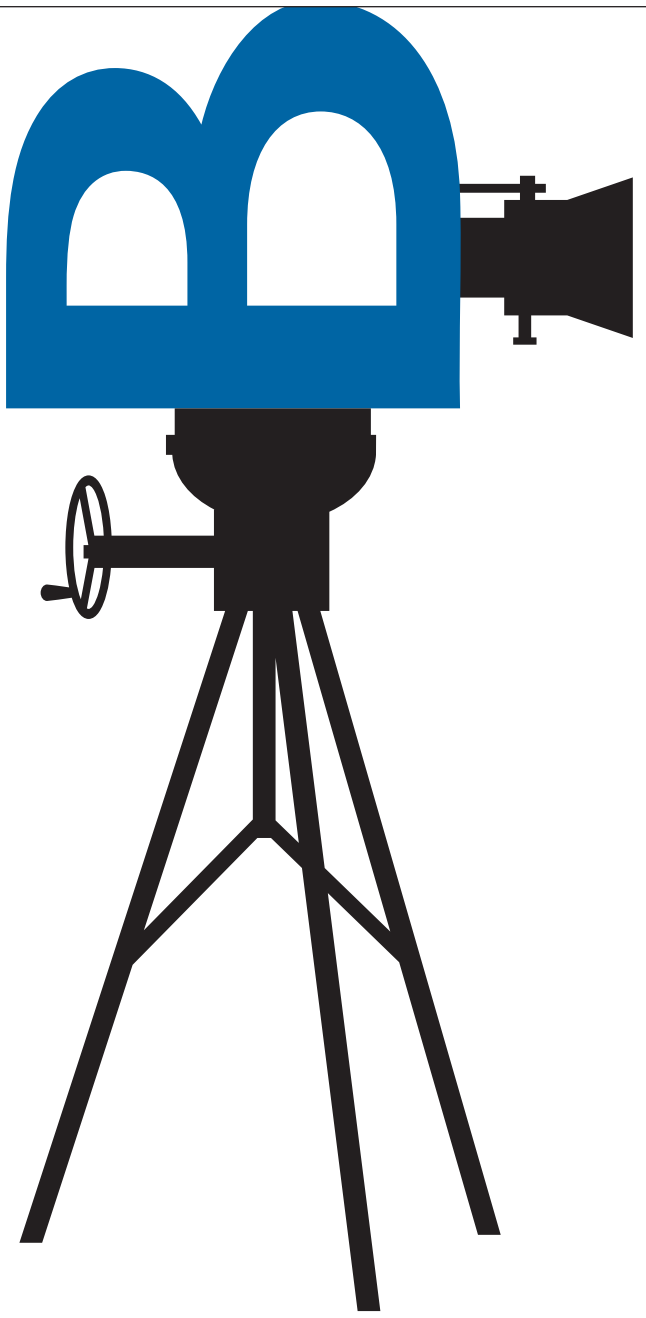

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Straight talk on Che

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Toronto

Critical reaction has been mixed, but Steven Soderbergh's epic bio-pic about T-shirt icon Che Guevara was one of TIFF's most anticipated films.

The 4½-hour film is a monolith that's impossible to ignore and regardless of how you feel about the project, there's no denying that it's one of the year's most compelling films.

Director Steven Soderbergh came to Toronto to discuss (and in some cases defend) Che:

Q Why did you want to tell this story?

A We wanted to know, like a lot of people, why? Why this iconic image is still plastered on everything from tote bags to coffee mugs to beer bottles? Why 40 years after this guy's death is this image still resonating, even when people don't know what it represents. It was as much an opportunity for us to understand as much as anything. So that's the good part of this job is that you get to go learn. Talking to the people who lived through this history was pretty intense and really fascinating.

Q Che's face is everywhere these days. Do you think people who wear his face on a T-shirt without knowing anything about him will want to see the film?

A I'm counting on it. For some people, it's no different than wearing a shirt with the Rolling Stones' tongue logo on it. There are lots of people who are trying to draft off of Che's iconic status, uncompromising attitude and revolutionary stance. Then there are some people who … I'm not sure how you sincerely wear a T-shirt, but I'm sure there are some people who do. And at the end of the day, none of that really matters as long as they're a little bit curious. There isn't anybody who hasn't seen that image and yet they don't know anything about him. We're hoping the combination of identification and curiosity will get people to see the movie.

Q Do you have any interest in getting Fidel Castro to see the film?

A I've heard that when Fidel watches movies, he pauses them so that he can talk about them in the middle of the movie. And this person said that sometimes it'll take many, many hours to watch a two-hour film. So first of all, I'm trying to imagine how long it would take him to get through this, because he's going to have a lot to talk about. I just literally cannot imagine what it would be like for him to watch this. It must just be the weirdest thing to watch a movie that somebody made about a situation that you went through 50 years ago. We're hoping that we're going to get the film down to the Havana Film Festival. I'm sure if we're able to do that, there will be some attempt to get the Castro brothers to see the film.

Q Why did you turn this project into two very different movies rather than one smaller film?

A When we started, it was going to be one two-hour movie about Bolivia. Then as we got further and further into developing that script, we began to feel like Bolivia without the context of Cuba didn't really make a lot of sense. You didn't understand why he thought it was going to work. I think it was the right call. The two campaigns are mirrors of each other and the big split really came after a year trying to have one script that had Bolivia and New York, and Cuba and Mexico City. It was really unreadable. You couldn't spend enough time in any situation. So that's when we started thinking that we just had to separate it.

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Actor Benicio del Toro, left, and director Steven Soderbergh speak at a TIFF press conference.

Che, Parts 1&2: ●●●● each

The first part of Steven Soderbergh's epic bio-pic is the movie audiences would expect. The film is about the revolutionary's triumph in Cuba told in the hyper-realist aesthetic the director first used in Traffic. It's a powerful ode to the cultural icon with a stunning lead performance by Benicio Del Toro.

The second film is an indispensable companion to the first. Shot with a more subdued style, the movie is about Guevara's failed attempt to spread the revolution throughout Latin America. This film expands on the first with all of Che's best qualities working against him, leading to a tragic downfall in Bolivia.

— Phil Brown

Swing, and a hit

Doc recalls N.Y. swingers club

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It's the smaller films at TIFF that often provide the larger rewards, such as Jon Hart and Matthew Kaufman's American Swing, a documentary about the brief, strange moment when the final cresting wave of the sexual revolution, in the shape of swinging, hit the shore in New York in the form of Plato's Retreat, a nightclub for partner-swapping couples.

Hart and Kaufman's film screened early in the festival without the sort of publicity that's come to overwhelm TIFF's opening weekend. But it's due for a final screening tonight, where festival-goers can get a glimpse of a moment of time that seems strange and remote to our eyes, though as Hart points out, the spectre of swinging has never really gone away.

"Right now, I don't think it seems that odd," Hart says by phone from New York. "Oprah has episodes on swinging, they did it on Nightline, they have that new TV show, Swingtime. As strange as it might seem, swinging still exists."

Plato's began as a private club for swingers, but it went big time in 1977, moving to the basement of the Ansonia Hotel in Manhattan. It then moved to an even bigger space, before founder and owner Larry Levenson was jailed for tax evasion. Levenson ended up driving a cab, which is where Hart, then a young journalist, interviewed him for an article and became fascinated with the onetime "King of Swing."

"I spoke to Larry for about four years, so I knew Larry inside and out," said Hart. "I considered him a friend, and I wanted to talk to everyone who knew him or saw him."

Levenson passed away before Hart and Kaufman could interview him, so they had to build their film around reminiscences by Levenson's sons and celebrities who visited the club, like Cosmo editor Helen Gurley Brown and screenwriter Buck Henry, as well as the rank and file of Plato's regulars, who were harder to track down.

"We put ads in papers all over the country," Hart recalls. "Photographs were forbidden at Plato's, so only a select number of people had actual photos and video from the club."

American Swing: ●●●1/2

Plato's Retreat was a swinger's nightclub that opened its doors when disco was big and closed them as AIDS rang down the curtain on the sexual revolution. Its onetime patrons are grandparents now, and listening to them reminisce for Jon Hart and Matthew Kaufman's camera is like hearing your parents lay out the gritty details of their sex life — for hours, at Christmas dinner.

There are a lot of wry laughs in American Swing, which describes a moment in history when public sex became a recreational sport for B-list celebrities and bored suburbanites willing to get personal with each other in the whirlpool and on the mattresses of Larry Levenson's Manhattan club. Merely contemplating those mattresses and that water – which Hart and Kaufman happily force us to – is one of the more indelible sensations you'll take away from the film.

— Rick McGinnis

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Rachel McAdams, who lives in Toronto, is all smiles at the gala screening of The Lucky Ones at Roy Thomson Hall.

GEORGE PIMENTEL/HELLO! CANADA

Tim Robbins greets fans outside Roy Thomson Hall after arriving for the gala presentation of The Lucky Ones.

ADAM FRISK/HELLO! CANADA

Holding a copy of her poetry book Auguries of Innocence, music icon Patti Smith arrives at the Gardiner Museum on Wednesday night for a screening of Steven Sebring's documentary, Dream of Life. The 61-year-old recent inductee to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame performed at the event.

GEORGE PIMENTEL/HELLO! CANADA

RIGHT: Emmanuelle Chriqui signs autographs for fans waiting at Roy Thomson Hall, where The Lucky Ones was screened.

Fashionistas seen on the scene

BY ENZA SUPERMODEL

Sandy Duarte
age 29

Q. What's your fashion style?
A. I love high-end meets low-end. I love vintage meets high-end designer. I love to just mix it up.

Q. What films are you seeing during TIFF?
A. The Wrestler.

Anna Goldberg
age 30

Q. What's your fashion style?
A. Casual ... I make sure I'm not too hot or too cold. I'm usually too cold. I like wearing a nice sweater.

Q. What films are you seeing during TIFF?
A. 35 Rhums and the Biggest Chinese Restaurant in the World.

Mark Van de Ven
age 32

Q. What's your style?
A. As a filmmaker I throw everything together on a little budget and try to look hipster and still presentable. Colours underneath and contrast on top.

Q. What films are you seeing during TIFF?
A. Us Chickens and Valentino.

Peter Diaz
age 30

Q. What's your fashion style?
A. Classic mixed in with some urban style and accessories.

Q. What films are you seeing during TIFF?
A. The Wrestler and Deadgirl.

Alex Wrijc
age 25

Q. What's your style?
A. I'm from Montreal; I always buy all my clothes in Montreal. I also DJ, so I try to put a little nightlife into the clothes I wear.

Q. What films are you seeing during TIFF?
A. Miracle at St. Anna.

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French icon Varda takes a lyrical look at beaches

STEVE VEALE
For Metro Toronto

Agnès Varda is known as the last great filmmaker of French New Wave cinema, revered for her passion that has enriched the film-world, including Vagabond, Cleo from 9 to 5 and Jacquot de Nantes.

At a mere 80 years old, she is sitting in a Toronto hotel room to discuss her latest, the autobiographical Les Plages d'Agnès.

The film is a lyrical look at her memories that are associated with the beaches in her life – beaches in Belgium, Sete, Los Angeles, Noirmoutier Island and Paris. Paris?

"To justify the film's title, six truckloads of sand were unloaded onto the rue Daguerre between my house and the editing room," she said.

Varda added: "We do films to show emotions, to show life. Film is a great common denominator. Even though my love story is different, people can relate in their own way; everyone's story is unique."

Varda has always been a woman of strong conviction, and a leading voice in the feminist movement not only in France but also on an international level through personal commitment and film.

"The world is in really bad shape," she said, "and if you look at the news, you just want to go back to bed and sleep. To change history is very slow."

PAUL TILL/FOR METRO TORONTO
Agnès Varda

Yet Varda has persevered through the years ("I have a sort of courage and always thought I should be able to do the same as my brother") and took up cinema as a form of expressing "something that relates to my time."

She had no goal for success.

"I didn't want a career. I always waited for each film to speak to me."

Les Plages d'Agnès took 18 months to film.

"It had it's own organic way of growing," Varda said. "And I kept seeing things I wanted to put in as allegoric images."

She deals honestly with her life and marriage to filmmaker Jacques Demy (who died in 1990) and her life in the world of film.

As well, the self-deprecating director includes a sequence in Les Plages d'Agnès where she took one of her creations ("a flop" she admits) and strung the celluloid throughout her home.

"It is made of film," she said.

"I made a house from what I love the most."

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Fresh filmmaker makes an impression

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Tom Linn's Winds of September is a "coming-of-age" movie.

Tom Lin is thrilled to be visiting Toronto for the first time. The young Taiwanese filmmaker's debut movie, Winds of September, was chosen from more than 4,000 films from around the world to appear at TIFF.

"I was only thinking about this as a small film for the market in Taiwan. Then be invited to festivals (from Shanghai to Sydney) is such an incredible experience," said Lin.

The first-time director has fashioned a "coming-of-age movie about a group of school friends in Hain-Chu (Lin's home town) that captures his own memories of high school.

"There was always a gang of us," he said in perfect English (the film is in Mandarin with English subtitles).

"This group seemed important at the time. It was a way for us to discover who we were in the safety of friends."

The background drama involves the Taiwan baseball betting scandal of the '90s. "Attendance started dropping soon after that, and the entire league may soon fail," said Lin.

This loss of honour is a theme that reverberates throughout the film as the group face unexpected tragedy and tests that some cannot pass.

"The casting was an enormous challenge for me, said Lin. "We only used one known actor while the others were all novices.

"I could not just cast an individual; I had to cast all nine actors who were believable as a group of friends. They had to bond … or the film wouldn't seem real."

Lin admitted he had insomnia every night before shooting with his complete cast on the monitor.

As well, the film had to be shot fairly quickly with a small budget of $400,000. And although he perhaps couldn't get all scenery and background he wanted, the words of filmmaker auteur John Cassavettes kept him going: "If the actor is great, no one cares about the colour of the walls."

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The Good, the Bad, the Weird is good fun

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REVIEW The highest budgeted film in the history of Korean cinema is an action-packed, candy-coloured, pop-art homage to the spaghetti Western, starring some of the finest genre actors in the country (including the incredibly versatile Kang-ho Song).

The filmmakers have no real agenda beyond pure entertainment, but Ji-Woon Kim directs with such confidence, precision and style that it's hard not to get caught up in the goofy shenanigans.

Few movies at the festival are this gleefully entertaining even if few are as episodic and absurd.

Phil Brown/For Metro Toronto

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Jung Woo-Sung in The Good, The Bad, The Weird.

$9.99

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REVIEW Want to know the meaning of life? The stop-motion animation film $9.99 just might help you find it.

Voyeuristically delving into the lives of several apartment dwellers from a child who befriends a piggy bank, to an old man who just wants someone to talk to, $9.99 provides intimate, identifiable snapshots of life in action. The film combines elements of comedy, tragedy and revelation, made cohesive by starkly effective characters and their artless interconnectedness.

Brian Coulton/For Metro Toronto

Control Alt Delete

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REVIEW Boy meets girls, boy meets computer porn, boy loses girl, boy discovers the personal in personal computer — this is the plot of Cameron Labine's Y2K period piece in a nutshell. The director's brother, Tyler Labine, plays sad sack computer nerd Lewis, whose online porn habit leads to him skipping the middleman and discovering a passion for violating PCs after his girlfriend leaves him.

Cheerful and sordid at the same time, it gives a whole new meaning to the phrase "Dude, you're getting a Dell!"

Rick McGinnis/Metro Toronto

Adam Resurrected

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REVIEW There was a time when Paul Schrader was one of the most important filmmakers in America, but sadly those days are over. Adam Resurrected is the latest disappointment by the Taxi Driver scribe, starring Jeff Goldblum as former clown and holocaust survivor struggling to deal with his past and his sanity. Goldblum delivers a solid performance through a sketchy German accent, but Schrader's direction and use of symbolism are about as subtle as a sledgehammer to the face and just as enjoyable.

Phil Brown/For Metro Toronto

Pride and Glory

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REVIEW Gritty and dark but occasionally lacking some of the gravitas it purports to have, Pride and Glory works well enough as an examination of corruption, morality and honour.

Led by solid performances by Ed Norton and Colin Farrell, the film provides some decent intrigue but at times feels contrived. Although with plenty of blood and F-words to go around, it's not enough to sink it.

Raf Brusilow/For Metro Toronto

Deadgirl

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REVIEW The premise for Deadgirl is so wrong and disturbing that it's shocking the horror film ever got made in America.

Two high school friends discover the restrained naked body of an uncontrollable monster girl in an abandoned medical hospital and decide to use it for a little illicit fun.

As time goes on, the girl appears to be more than she seems. Jealousy, obsession, and a bloodbath ensue. The twisted project is legitimately frightening and surprisingly funny.

Despite a smattering of weak acting and dialogue, Deadgirl should please the midnight movie crowd. But don't even think about taking your mom to this one.

Phil Brown/For Metro Toronto

Only

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REVIEW The fact it takes 50 minutes for the main characters to introduce themselves is indicative of the glacial pacing in Only — a lo-fi drama about Daniel and Vera, two pre-teens stuck in rural Canada.

While exploring the wintry countryside, the pair bond over their hopes (Vera wishes for "safety") and fears (Daniel is scared of "being tortured"?). Most of the time, however, the youngsters just walk around looking at inukshuks, eating cheese and talking about Daniel's love of bacon.

Steve Gow/For Metro Toronto

Better Things

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REVIEW Loosely related stories of love, loss and loneliness are brought together in Duane Hopkins' powerful, first full-length feature, Better Things.

With minimal dialogue, the film communicates primarily through visual expression, a task performed impressively by a cast of mostly first-time actors.

It's not for mainstream audiences, but for modern artistic cinema buffs, it doesn't get much better than Better Things.

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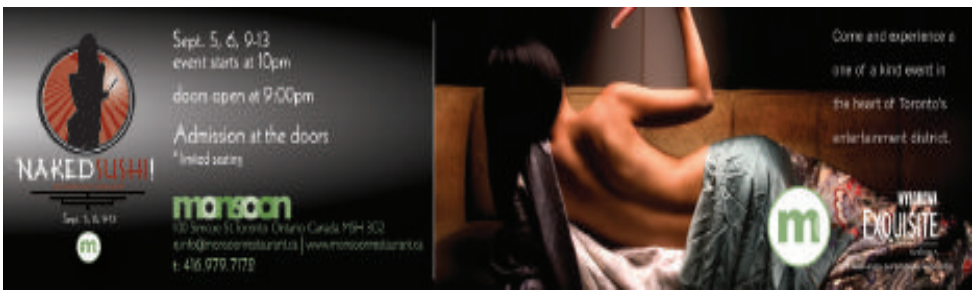

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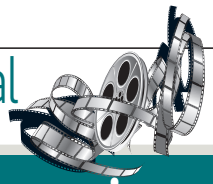

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The Loss of a Teardrop Diamond 6:30 PM

RYERSON THEATRE
Ryerson University
43 Gerrard St. E.

Che 9 AM

Pride and Glory 2:45 PM

Public Enemy Number One (Part 1) (L'Instinct de Mort (Formerly Mesrine)) 9 PM

Sexykiller 11:59 PM

VISA SCREENING ROOM
Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre Centre
189 Yonge St.

Che (Part 2) 2:30 PM

Kanchivaram 6 PM

Nothing But the Truth 9 PM

WINTER GARDEN THEATRE
Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre Centre
189 Yonge St.

Il y a longtemps que je t'aime (I've Loved You So Long) 8 PM

ISABEL BADER THEATRE
University of Toronto, Victoria College
93 Charles St. W.

Blind Loves (Slepe lásky) 4:45 PM

Easy Virtue 10:30 PM

El Greco 7:30 PM

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Good 2:45 AM

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Adam Resurrected 9:45 PM

What Doesn't Kill You 12:45 PM

White Night Wedding (Brúðguminn) 3:45 PM

SCOTIABANK THEATRE 3
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

PA-RA-DA 3:30 PM

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Radio Love 12:30 PM

Snow (Snijeg) 9:30 AM

SCOTIABANK THEATRE 4
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Who Do You Love 9 AM

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Native Dancer (Baksy) 11:30 AM

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Apron Strings 3:45 PM

Cold Lunch (Lønsj) 9 PM

Not Quite Hollywood 6:15 PM

Unmistaken Child (Ha-Gilgul) 12:45 PM

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Before Tomorrow 9:30 PM

Borderline 6:30 PM

Martyrs 11:45 AM

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VARSITY 4
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Unspoken 9:15 PM

Vacation (Kyuka) 6 PM

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Acolytes 12:15 PM

Hooked (Pescuit Sportiv) 5:30 PM

The Paranoids (Los Paranoicos) 8:15 PM

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Sea Point Days 5:30 PM

Shakespeare and Victor Hugo's Intimacies (Intimidades de Shakespeare y Víctor Hugo) 2:45 PM

Upstream Battle 11:45 AM

VARSITY 8
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Achilles and the Tortoise 8 PM

Pontypool 5 PM

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The Stoning of Soraya M. 9:15 PM

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Witch Hunt 3 PM

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Blood Trail 8:15 PM

PROGRAMME 5 3:30 PM

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Birdsong (El Cant dels Ocells) 5 PM

Jerichow 2 PM

Krabat 8 PM

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Better Things 8:45 PM

Dioses 6:15 PM

Jerichow 2 PM

YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 6
10 Dundas St. E., 416-977-2642

Cooper's Camera 6 PM

Deadgirl 9 PM

Middle of Nowhere 2:45 PM

YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 7
10 Dundas St. E., 416-977-2642

In the Shadow of the Naga 5:30 PM

Tokyo Sonata 2:15 PM

Vinyan 8:30 PM

YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 9
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At the Edge of the World 6 PM

Killing Kasztner 2:30 PM

The Dungeon Masters 9 PM

YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 10
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Daytime Drinking (Not Sool) 3:30 PM

Sounds Like Teen Spirit: A Popumentary 6:45 PM

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Screen siren Eva Mendes, right, says she took the role of a manipulative, home-wrecking femme fatale in the movie The Women because she couldn't pass up an all-female, powerhouse cast, including Meg Ryan, left.

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Screen siren

Eva Mendes makes sexy work in The Women

TINA CHADHA
for Metro Canada

"If Martin Scorsese called with a great script and a role for me as a femme fatale, I'm going to take it," says Eva Mendes.

She certainly doesn't shy away from the screen siren roles — such as her breakthrough as Denzel Washington's girlfriend in Training Days and the perfume spritzing, manipulative "other woman" in The Women, opening today, that often get thrown her way. Oh, and don't forget that sensual Calvin Klein ad campaign, either.

"In life, you get certain opportunities and you make due with what you have," explains the 30-year-old. "I never just take a role. It's never a frivolous decision, or a decision based on money only. It's always, 'How is this going to improve me as an actress? How is this going to play a big picture in my career?'"

A seasoned supporting cast definitely helps in the decision making process. For Mendes, The Women — a recreation of the 1939 comedy about a group of wealthy friends — starring Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith, Bette Midler and Candice Bergen, was a no-brainer.

"It's such a boy's club in Hollywood, you have to take these films when they come up," she says about the all-female cast. "The hope for the film is, like Sex and the City and Mamma Mia!, this forward-thinking chick flick of sorts will help drive more ladies to the theatre.

"If studios see that women are flocking to supporting each other and to see each others' movies, they'll start writing better roles for us," says the Cuban-American, who also hopes this will eventually trickle down to better roles for ethnic women.

"There's never an Indian woman portrayed, and Asian women? Where are the Asian women out there?" she exclaims. "We really need to see some more diversity."

Mendes plans to keep paving the way in that respect, leading with her craft, not always her looks.

"What I feel that I have to offer that no one has tapped into is range," she insists. "I have incredible range because I'm actually a trained actress; I've been studying for nine years. Because I study my craft I feel very confident that if you put me in a room with any director I will deliver." Mendes pauses, contemplatively. "I'm not given those opportunities as much, but that's part of the process."

It's a really positive attitude to have in an industry that is relentlessly scrutinizing — especially after this trying year, when Mendes checked herself into a rehab facility. Maybe the self-esteem stems from the support system in her own life. Her personal group of gals — mom, sisters, best friends from junior high — all accompanied her to the premiere of The Women. At home, Mendes, along with longtime boyfriend George Augusto, is starting a décor line called Vida ("Interior design and architecture are my passions.")

And while she's dying to exercise that range and stretch her funny bone in a full-out comedy — think: The Cohen brother's slapstick style — next up for Mendes is The Spirit.

"I play a major femme fetal in that one," she says mischievously. "But it's so fun. She's a jewel thief."

GETTY IMAGES

Eva Mendes plays the "other woman" in The Women.

The Women like a long sitcom

STEVE VEALE
for Metro Canada

The Women
Director: Diane English
Stars: Annette Bening, Meg Ryan, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith, Cloris Leachman, Eva Mendes, Candice Bergman, Bette Midler
Classification: PG
Rating: ½

REVIEW First of all, purists be warned. The classic 1939 George Cukor film The Women, based on the Broadway play by Claire Luce Booth, was a biting indictment of the social times and starred legendary Hollywood actresses.

This is not that.

Annette Bening leads a trendy group of Manhattan friends played by Meg Ryan, Debra Messing and Jada Pinkett Smith.

Yes, four female friends in Manhattan. Sound familiar? The comparisons to Carrie Bradshaw and her buddies are far too obvious to ignore.

In fact, in the hands of writer/director Diane English, the movie often seems like an extended episode of Sex and the City for the moneyed, menopausal set.

English is the creative genius behind 10 years of TV's Murphy Brown — and that's the problem. The movie plays like a TV sitcom.

One-liners replace emotion. A husband's infidelity, which should be emotionally gut wrenching, is played for cheap zingers.

As the wronged wife, Meg Ryan acts like this betrayal is more of an inconvenience to her social plans as opposed to a devastating life crisis. Her subsequent transition to "empowerment" is unconvincing and occurs with lightning speed.

With the possible exception of a wonderful Cloris Leachman, no one is looking for Oscar gold here.

Although, there is some excellent work by the sexy "home wrecker" Eva Mendes, motor mouth manicurist Deb Mazur, and a very classy Candice Bergen — Murphy Brown herself.

The main foursome, however, play this for trashy fun and they are fearless about it.

Unfortunately, we care nothing about them; they are shallow and superficial and seemingly untouched by any real emotion.

But to the credit of the actresses, they were just following the script and taking direction from someone making a television sitcom.

Too bad, because there was a good movie in here.

Audiences get sneak peek at new Madea film

PREVIEW Here comes Madea, a few months early.

Theatres showing Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys, which opens today, will show a sneak peek of the third instalment of his popular Madea movies, Madea Goes to Jail. The movie isn't due out until Feb. 20, 2009.

"For countless fans, Madea is like family," said Tim Palen, co-president, theatrical marketing for studio Lionsgate, of the tough-talking grandmother audiences love and critics lambaste.

In contrast to the heavily comedic Madea movies, The Family That Preys stars Kathy Bates and Alfre Woodard in a drama about two families from different social classes.

The Madea movies are historically box office successes. Madea's Family Reunion, debuted at No. 1 in February 2006, following the No. 1 debut of Diary of Mad Black Woman in February 2005. The two were made for a combined $11 million and grossed $150 million total.

Perry plays Madea as well as writes and directs.

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SCREENINGS Sit beside Steve Martin for a screening of The Jerk, share a theatre with Mike Myers for a showing of Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery, or squirm in your seat alongside Jodie Foster during The Silence of the Lambs.

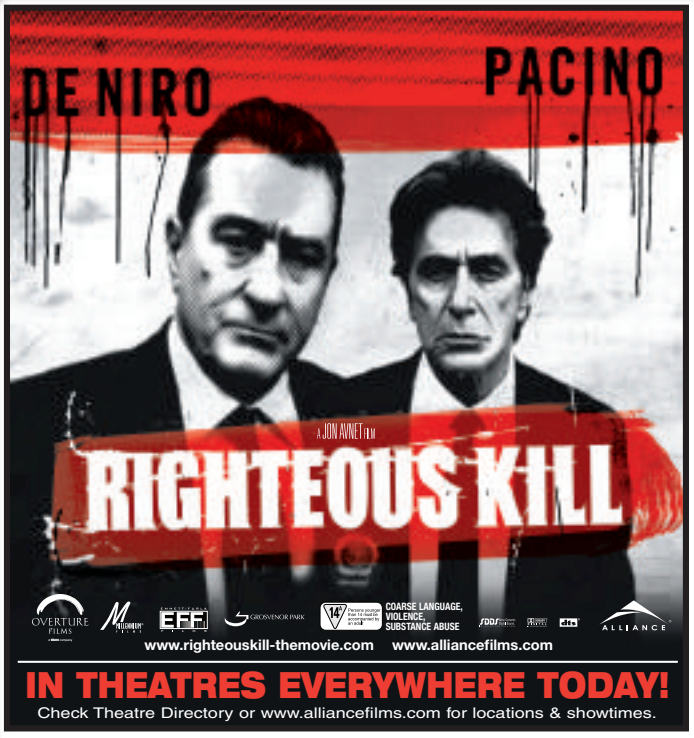
These stars — along with Dustin Hoffman, Cameron Diaz, Denzel Washington, and others — will share some of their most famous films with their fans next month at Target Presents AFI Night at the Movies.

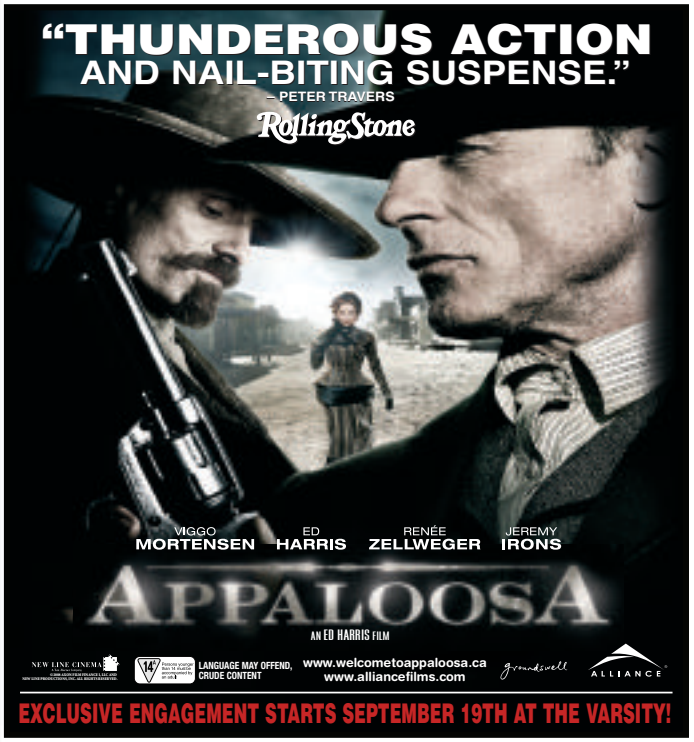
The one-night-only event is set to take over the ArcLight theatre in Hollywood on Oct. 1, the American Film Institute announced Wednesday.

The idea is to bring filmmakers and fans together to celebrate American movies, said AFI chief Bob Gazzale.

"It is a fireworks show of American film," he said, "and AFI's honour to celebrate the artists and their contributions to the rich cultural legacy of our nation."

Tickets are $25 and will be available beginning Sept. 17. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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Reel Time

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Playing with friends

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Barely a year after Joel and Ethan Coen released one of the finest movies of their career, No Country For Old Men, the auteur siblings have returned.

In typical Coen style they made a tonal 180-degree turn, moving from a tightly crafted thriller that ruminates on the nature of violence to a fast-paced comedic farce that plays hatchet murders for slapstick comedy.

Given that No Country saw the brothers regain the edge and craft of their early thrillers, there was hope that this movie would return them to the comedic heyday of Raising Arizona and The Big Lebowski. While Burn After Reading is a better comedy than the brothers' recent Hollywood dalliances like Intolerable Cruelty, it's still far too inconsistent to match their finest work.

The film stars Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand as a pair of dimwitted personal trainers who stumble upon a CD filled with the financial records of a former employee of the CIA (John Malkovich). Convinced that they have sensitive data, the pair attempt to blackmail Malkovich.

Frances McDormand and George Clooney are lovers in the Coen brothers' Burn After Reading.

Burn After Reading

Director: Joel and Ethan Coen
Stars: George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt
Classification: 14A
Rating:

George Clooney, who appears as the sex-obsessed lover of both McDormand and Malkovich's wife, inadvertently finds himself entangled in the mess. It's not a bad premise and contains many moments of comedic genius, but lacks the drive and polish that defines the Coens' best scripts.

Ultimately, the movie plays out like a loose collection of funny characters and ideas linked together by a half-hearted plot. As a simple comedy, it certainly works and will provide plenty of laughs, but the Coen brothers are capable of more.

This film feels like a project in which they were simply playing around with friends and trying to amuse themselves. Hopefully next time they'll take comedy more seriously.

Stunt casting can't redeem Righteous Kill

Righteous Kill

Director: Jon Avnet
Stars: Robert De Niro, Al Pacino
Classification: 14A
Rating:

RICK MCGINNIS
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REVIEW The publicity for Jon Avnet's Righteous Kill is committed to selling the film around Robert De Niro and Al Pacino sharing the screen, as if such an event were a natural phenomenon somewhere on the order of Halley's Comet.

The fact is that the two men have been in the same film twice before, once in Michael Mann's overrated Heat, and the first time, a long cinematic epoch ago, in Godfather II — before either of them had the post-Brando stature they enjoy today, and where they were after all never onscreen together, being separated by several decades and many flashbacks.

The fact is that if there were a compelling reason to pair Pacino and De Niro like some sort of twitchy, bellowing Martin and Lewis, it would have been done many times by now.

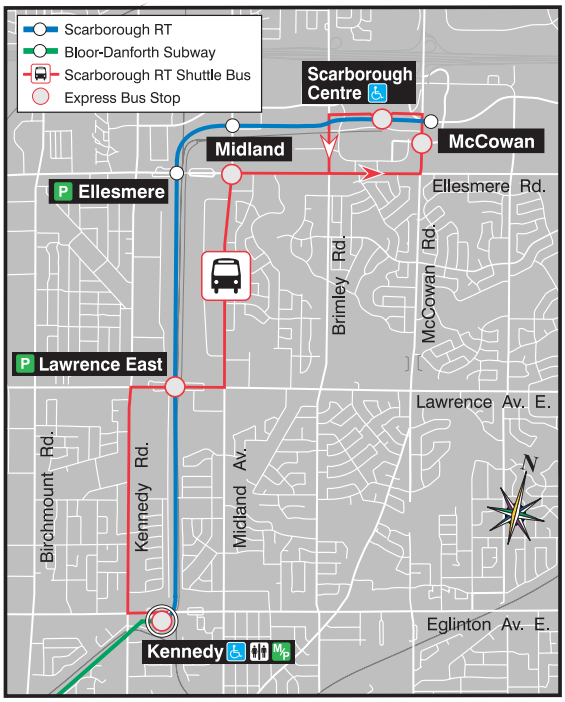
The two men might be able to steal scenes from lesser actors, but together their onscreen chemistry is like diet soda and a candy bar — fine on their own, but together they diminish the other's pleasures and benefits and leave us feeling twice as remorseful.

The plot, a purposefully confusing mess involving vigilante cops and a drug lord played by rapper 50 Cent — in what we can only presume was his best chance to get his Scarface poster autographed — adds no particular value to any prodigious amount of acting.

Pity poor Carla Gugino who once again accepts a role that requires her to be brutalized.

No gilded act of stunt casting can turn these shopworn goods into a Gucci bag of method.

Scarborough RT Construction
Late evening closure for scheduled maintenance



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Screen Times

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This week's new releases are highlighted in red.

Downtown

BLOOR THEATRE
506 Bloor St., 416-516-2330

The Big Lebowski (14A) Tue 4:30 Wed 9:15

Jules and Jim (STC) Mon-Tue 9:25 Wed 4:30

Miller's Crossing (R) Wed 7 Thu 4:30

Rue Morgue (STC) Thu 9:30

Soul Masters: Dr. Guo and Dr. Sha (STC) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 2-7 Mon-Tue 7

Step Brothers (14A) Sat 4:15-9:30 Sun 9:30

WALL-E (G) Fri 4:30 Sat 2 Sun-Mon 4:30 Thu 7

CARLTON
20 Carlton St., 416-598-2309

Bottle Shock (14A) Sun-Thu 1:45-4:10-6:40-9:15

Brideshead Revisited (14A) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:10-6:50-9:35 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:45-9:30

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Sat 3:30-6:30-9:30

The Edge of Heaven (German w/e.s.t.) (14A) Sun-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:9:35

Hamlet 2 (14A) Fri-Sat 2-4:20-7:30-9:55

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20-3:45-7:10-9:45

Man on Wire (PG) Fri-Sat 1:55-4:30-7:15-9:50 Sun-Thu 1:25-4:20-6:55-9:50

Outsourced (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:40

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Sat 1:30-3:50-6:45-9:15 Sun-Thu 1:35-4-6:50-9:25

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Sat 1:45-4-7-9:20

Tuya's Marriage (Mandarin w/e.s.t.) (PG) Sun-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:10-9:20

The Visitor (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:20-10

Young People F...ing (18A) Sun-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-9:45

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

Elegy (14A) Fri-Sat 6:45-9:40 Sun-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:40

Traitor (14A) Fri-Sat 6:30-9:30 Sun 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon 12:40-3:30-9:30 Tue-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:30

Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri-Sat 7:15-9:50 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:50

The Women (14A) Fri-Sat 7-10 Sun-Thu 1:15-4-7-10

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

Babylon A.D. (14A) Fri-Sat 7:50-10:10 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:50-10:10 Mon 1:10-4:10-10:10 Tue 1:10-4:10-7:50-10:10 Wed 7:50-10:10 Thu 1:10-4:10-7:50-10:10

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:15-8-10:30 Wed 1:20-4-10:30 Thu 1:20-4:15-8-10:30 Fri-Sat 7:10-10 Sun 12:20-3:15-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 12:35-3:15-7:10-10

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-6:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 1-5-9

The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:30-7-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-7-10:30

Death Race (18A) Fri-Wed 1-3:45-6:30-9:20 Thu 1-3:45-10:15

The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3-6:10-9:10 Mon-Tue 12:30-3:20-6:10-9:10 Wed 12:30-3:20-9:10 Thu 12:30-3:20-6:10-9:10

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Sat 7:20-10:05 Sun-Tue 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:05 Wed 4:20-7:20-10:05 Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:05

Righteous Kill (STC) Fri-Sat 6:50-9:45 Sun-Thu 12:50-4-6:50-9:45 Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:30

Traitor (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:20-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 12:55-4:30-7:30-10:20

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:40-9:30

Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:45-9:50

Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:10-6:20-9:15 Wed 12:30-3:10-6:20-10:15 Thu 12:30-3:10-6:20-9:15

RAINBOW CINEMAS MARKET SQUARE
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:10-9:20

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri 1-3:10-5:20-7:25-9:35-11:35 Sat-Wed 1-3:10-5:20-7:25-9:35 Thu 3:10-5:20-7:25-9:35 Thu 1

The House Bunny (PG) Fri 1:30-3:30-5:30-7:30-9:30-11:30 Sat-Thu 1:30-3:30-5:30-7:30-9:30

Righteous Kill (STC) Fri 1:20-3:50-6:45-9:10-11:25 Sat-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:45-9:10

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:10-6:50-9:15

The Women (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7-9:25

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608 College St., 416-466-4400

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VARSITY
Manulife Centre, 55 Bloor St. W., 2nd floor, 416-961-6304

Amal (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (14A) Sun-Tue 12:50-3:35-6:55-9:20 Wed 12:50-3:35 Thu 12:50-3:35-6:55-9:20

Burn After Reading (14A) Sun-Thu 1:10-1:30-4:05-4:40-7:7:30-9:40-10:10 Sun-Thu 1:15-3:45-6:45-9:35

The Dark Knight (14A) Sun-Thu 1:45-6-9:15 Sun-Thu 12:15-3:25-6:35-9:45

Hamlet 2 (14A) Sun-Mon 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Wed 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Thu 1:50-4:30

Mamma Mia! (PG) Sun-Thu 12:35-3:15-7:15-9:55

Mamma Mia! Sing-a-Long (PG) Sun-Thu 1:40-4:10-7:05-9:30

Righteous Kill (STC) Sun-Thu 1-3:40-6:30-9:10 Sun-Thu 12:45-3:05-7:25-10:05

Tropic Thunder (14A) Sun-Thu 1:20-4-6:50-9:35

CANADA SQUARE CINEMAS
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

Amal (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri 4:50-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:45

Babylon A.D. (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30

Brideshead Revisited (14A) Fri-Thu 4-6:50-9:40

Death Race (18A) Fri-Thu 9

Hamlet 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 7:30-10

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri 4:20-7 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7 Mon-Thu 4:20-7

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Fri 5 Sat-Sun 2:20-5 Mon-Thu 5

Step Brothers (14A) Fri 4:10-6:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-6:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:30

Traitor (14A) Fri 4:40-7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:15-2-4:40-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:55

WALL-E (G) Fri 4-6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-6:40-9:20

MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

Bottle Shock (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Tue-Thu 7

The Edge of Heaven (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat 9:25 Sun 7 Wed-Thu 9:05

REGENT THEATRE
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The Counterfeiters (14A) Fri-Sat 9:25 Sun 4:30 Wed 9:25

Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Sun 6:45 Tue-Wed 6:45

SILVERCITY YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
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Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri-Sat 2:10-4:50-7:35-10 Sun 2-4:50-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:35-10

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Sat 1:20-4-7:20-9:45 Sun 1:10-4-7:20-9:45 Mon-Tue 1:20-4-7:20-9:45 Wed 4-7:20-9:45 Thu 1:20-4-7:20-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:15-6:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:45-8

Death Note (14A) Mon 9

The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Sat 1-3:40-6:40-9:10 Sun 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:10 Mon 1-3:40-6:40 Tue 1-3:40-6:40-9:10 Wed 1-3:40-9:30 Thu 1-3:40-6:40-9:10

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:20 Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:20 Mon-Tue 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:20 Wed 3:50-6:50-9:20 Thu 1:10-3:50-9:30

Righteous Kill (STC) Fri-Sat 2-4:40-7:30-9:55 Sun 1:50-4:40-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 2-4:40-7:30-9:55

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:20-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:30-4:20-6:55-9:30 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:20-6:55-9:30 Wed 1:40-4:20 Thu 1:40-4:20-6:55-9:30 Wed 6:55-9:30

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The Women (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:10-7-9:40 Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:40 Mon-Tue 1:30-4:10-7-9:40 Wed 4:10-7-9:40 Thu 1:30-4:10-7-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

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Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Special Engagement Fri 2:30-3:15-4:30-5:5-45-7-7:45-8:30-9:40-10:20-11 Special Engagement Sat 10:40-12-12:45-1:30-2:30-3:15-4:30-5:5-45-7-7:45-8:30-9:40-10:20-11 Sun 10:40-12-12:45-1:30-2:30-3:15-4:30-5-5:45-7-7:45-8:30-9:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:30-3:15-4:30-5-5:45-7-7:45-8:30-9:40-10:20

Bottle Shock (14A) Sun 12:05-2:25-4:55-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:20-9:50

College (18A) Fri 3:10-5:35-8:05-10:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:10-5:35-8:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:10-5:35-8:05-10:30

Disaster Movie (14A) Fri 2:45-5:15-7:40-8:40-9:55-10:45 Sat 12:30-2:45-5:15-7:40-8:40-9:55-10:45 Sun 11-12:30-1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-7:40-8:40-9:55-10:45 Mon-Thu 2:45-4:15-5:15-7:40-8:40-9:55-10:45

Get Smart (PG) Sun 12:15-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20

Hamlet 2 (14A) Sun 12:45-3:05-5:20-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:05-5:20-7:35-10:05

Hancock (PG) Sun 11:10-1:35-3:50-6-8:15-10:25 Mon-Tue 3:50-6-8:15-10:25 Wed 2:50 Thu 3:50-6-8:15-10:25

Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Sun-Thu 1:55-5-7:45-10:30

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 2:30-5-8-10:40 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-8-10:40 Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7:30-10:10

Mirrors (18A) Fri 3-5:40-8:15-10:45 Sat-Sun 12:35-3-5:40-8:15-10:45 Mon-Thu 3-5:40-8:15-10:45

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Sat 7:05-9:45 Sun 1:35-4:20-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:45

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Sun 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:50 Mon-Tue 4:25-7:05-9:50 Wed 4:25 Thu 3:30

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Fri 2-4:15 Sat 11:45-2-4:15 Sun 11:45-2-4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 2-4:15-6:45-9:15

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Sat 5:20-10:35 Sun 12:30-3-5:20-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 3-5:20-7:50-10:35

WALL-E (G) Fri 3:45-6 Sat 11:15-3:45-6 Sun 11:15-1:50-4:30-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:30-7:15-9:40

Wanted (18A) Sun-Thu 2:05-4:35-7:10-9:45

The Women (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2-2:45-3:30-4:45-5:30-6:30-7:15-8:15-9:15-10:11 Special Engagement Sat 10:45-12-1-2-2:45-3:30-4:45-5:30-6:30-7:15-8:15-9:15-10:11 Special Engagement Sun 10:45-12-1-2-2:45-3:30-4:45-5:30-6:30-7:15-8:15-9:15-10 Mon-Thu 2-2:45-3:30-4:45-5:30-6:30-7:15-8:15-9:15-10

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Bachna Ae Haseeno (G) Fri 3:15-6 Mon-Thu 6:15

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1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

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Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri-Thu 2-4:50-7:40-10:30

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Mon 1-1:40-4:4:40-6:50-7:30-9:30-10:20 Tue 1:40-4-4:40-6:50-7:30-9:30-10:20 Wed-Thu 1-1:40-4-4:40-6:50-7:30-9:30-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:35-7:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:35-8:10

Death Note (14A) Mon 9

Death Race (18A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:25-10:10

Disaster Movie (14A) Fri-Sun 6:20-9 Mon 6:20 Tue-Thu 6:20-9

Fly Me to the Moon 3-D (G) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:40

The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:20-10:05

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:15-6:15

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Mon 12:25-3:15-6:30-9:20 Tue-Thu 12:30-3:15-6:30-9:20

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Thu 6:35-9:35

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:40-9:40

Righteous Kill (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7-9:50

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:25

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 8:55

Traitor (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-6:55-9:55

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:35-10:25

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Disaster Movie (14A) Fri-Thu 3:45-9:15

The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:05-5:15-7:25-9:35

The Longshots (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:10-7:20-9:25

Righteous Kill (STC) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:15-9:30

Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:05-9:35

The Women (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-7:10-9:40

BEACH CINEMAS
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Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri-Sun 4-10:20 Mon-Thu 10:20

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri 4:45-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:45-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 6:40 Sat-Sun 12:20-6:40 Mon-Tue 6:40 Wed 6:45 Thu 6:40

Righteous Kill (STC) Fri 4:30-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:3:50-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30

Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri 4:15-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40

The Women (14A) Fri 4:10-7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7-9:50

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The 400 Blows (STC) Mon 9:15 Tue 7

American Teen (PG) Wed-Thu 7

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Sat-Sun 7

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri 9:15 Sat-Sun 9:30 Mon 7 Tue 9

The Wackness (14A) Wed-Thu 9

WALL-E (G) Sat-Sun 2 Wed 1:30

Wanted (18A) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 4

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Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri 5-7:30-10:15 Sat 2:10-5-7:30-10:15 Sun 2:10-5-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:55

Elegy (14A) Fri 3:45-6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:50

Hamlet 2 (14A) Fri 3:50-6:20-9:15 Sat 1-3:50-6:20-9:15 Sun 1-3:50-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:20

The House Bunny (PG) Fri 4:50-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:50-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:50-7-9:40

Mamma Mia! Sing-a-Long (PG) Fri 4:10-6:40-9:30 Sat 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:20 Sun 1-3:50-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:20

Mirrors (18A) Fri-Sat 7:25-10:15 Sun-Thu 7:25-10

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Sun 4:25-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:10-9:45

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri 4:40-7:20-10:10 Sat 2-4:40-7:20-10:10 Sun 2-4:40-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:05-9:45

Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri 4-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 4-6:30-9

WALL-E (G) Sat-Sun 1:45

The Women (14A) Fri 4:20-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10

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Babylon A.D. (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:15

Beaufort (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4-6:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-6:50

Burn After Reading (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:40-7:7:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:40-3:30-4:40-7:7:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:40-7:7:45-9:45

Cinderella (Ballet) (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 1-1:30

The Dark Knight (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:15-8 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1-4:15-8 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:15-8

Death Note (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 9

Death Race (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 4:20-7:20-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 4-6:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:50

Disaster Movie (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:30

Fly Me to the Moon 3-D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:05-6:30-8:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-6:30-8:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:05-6:30-8:30

Pineapple Express (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:35-7:10-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 7:10-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 1:35-4:35-7:10-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:35-7:10-9:40

Righteous Kill (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:30-7:15-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:15-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-9:35

Traitor (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:25-7:30-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:30-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:25-7:30-9:55

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Babylon A.D. (14A) Fri-Thu 3:45-9:30

Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri-Sat 2-4:50-7:40-10:15 Sun-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:55-9:55

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:15-8

Death Race (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:05

Fly Me to the Moon 3-D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:30-6:15-9

The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:40-9:15

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-6:30

Righteous Kill (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:10-10

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:15 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:30-10

Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:10

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Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:20

Death Note (14A) Mon 9

Death Race (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30

Disaster Movie (14A) Fri-Thu 9:35

The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:40-9:30

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:45-9:25

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-6:45

Saroja (Tamil) (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-6:10-10:10

Traitor (14A) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:55-9:40 Mon 12:35-3:30-6:20 Tue-Thu 12:35-3:30-6:55-9:40

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15

Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:10-7:10-25

A Very Special Love (Filipino) (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30

The Women (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:10-9:50

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Babylon A.D. (14A) Fri-Sat 7:40-10:25 Sun-Thu 7:40-10:05

Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:35-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:25-10

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:45-7:30-9:25-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:45-7:30-9:25-10:20

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:40-6:55-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:55-10:15

Death Race (18A) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:40-7:45-10:30 Sun 1:25-4:40-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:45-10:20

The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:55-6:35-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:35-9:10

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:45-6:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:35

Mirrors (18A) Fri-Sat 7:35-10:15 Sun-Thu 7:25-10:05

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:45-6:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:20-9:20

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Sun 1:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10

Righteous Kill (STC) Fri-Sun 12:55-4:05-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:05-7-9:45

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50 Mon-Thu 3:50

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 4:20-9:55

Traitor (14A) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:25-7:15-10:05 Sun 1:15-4:25-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:55

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:10-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:50

Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:15-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:20-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

WALL-E (G) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:35 Mon-Thu 3:35

The Women (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

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Babylon A.D. (14A) Fri-Sun 4:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-10

Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:40-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:20-9:40

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-9:30

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Sun 2:55-6:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 2:55-6:20-9:25

Death Race (18A) Fri-Thu 7:30-10:05

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:30-9:10

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:15 Mon-Thu 3:15

Righteous Kill (STC) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:45

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-7:40 Mon-Thu 7:40

Traitor (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:45-9:35

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:45

Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:20

The Women (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:30-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:30-7:10-9:50

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Amal (14A) Fri 2:40-5-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:40-5-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:40-5-7:20-9:45

Babylon A.D. (14A) Fri 3:30-5:45-7:55-10:20 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:20-3:30-5:45-7:55-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-5:45-7:55-10:20

Brideshead Revisited (14A) Fri 4:10-7:05-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:55

Burn After Reading (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-5:45-6:30-7:15-8-8:45-9:30-10:15 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-11:45-12:30-1:15-2-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-5:45-6:30-7:15-8-8:45-9:30-10:15 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-5:45-6:30-7:15-8-8:45-9:30-10:15

Elegy (14A) Fri 2:40-5:05-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:05-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:05-7:30-9:50

Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 7:35-10:10

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri 2:15-4:50-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:15-4:50-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:30-10:10

Iron Man (PG) Fri 2:10-4:50-7:35-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:10-4:50-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:35-10:25

Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri 3:15-5:25 Sat-Sun 11-1:05-3:15-5:25 Mon-Thu 3:15-5:25

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 2-4:30-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:15-7:45-10:15

Outsourced (PG) Fri 2:30-4:55-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:55-7:20-9:55

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri 2:25-4:55-7:25-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:25-10:25

Righteous Kill (STC) Special Engagement Fri 2:35-3:15-4:55-5:35-7:15-8-9:35-10:20 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:15-12:55-2:35-3:15-4:55-5:35-7:15-8-9:35-10:20 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:35-3:15-4:55-5:35-7:15-8-9:35-10:20

Rock On! (PG) Fri-Thu 7:05-10

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Fri 2:20-4:40 Sat-Sun 12-2:20-4:40 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:40

Step Brothers (14A) Fri 3-5:20-7:40-10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3-5:20-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 3-5:20-7:40-10

Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri 2:45-5:05-7:25-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:45-5:05-7:25-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:05-7:25-9:45

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Chamku (14A) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

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Babylon A.D. (14A) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:40-7:50-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:50-10:05

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-1:3:10-4-6:30-7:40-9:15-10:15 Mon-Tue 12:30-1:3:10-4-6:30-7:40-9:15-10:15 Wed 12:30-3:10-4-6:30-7:40-9:15-10:15 Thu 12:30-1:3:10-4-6:30-7:40-9:15-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-5-8:30

The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:20-6:45-10 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:45-10

Death Race (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30

Disaster Movie (14A) Fri-Sat 8-10:30 Sun-Thu 8-10:15

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:20-9 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:20-9

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:35-3:15-6:50-9:40

Righteous Kill (STC) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:10-6:30-9:50

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:50

Traitor (14A) Fri-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:10

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:25 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:10

Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys (PG) Fri-Tue 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:05 Wed 4:10-7:10-10:05 Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 1:20

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Babylon A.D. (14A) Fri 1:20-3:30-5:55-8:15-10:35 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:20-3:30-5:55-8:15-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:20-3:30-5:55-8:15-10:35

Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30

Burn After Reading (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:15-2:30-3:30-4:45-5:45-7-8:05-9:15-10:20 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-1:15-2:30-3:30-4:45-5:45-7-8:05-9:15-10:20 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:15-2:30-3:30-4:45-5:45-7-8:05-9:15-10:20

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-5:25-9

Death Race (18A) Fri-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:55-10:25

The House Bunny (PG) Fri 1:30-5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 1:30-5-7:30-10

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 1:40-4:20-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:40-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-10

Mirrors (18A) Fri 2:40-5:20-7:55-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:40-5:20-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:20-7:55-10:30

Righteous Kill (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 1-3:10-4:35-5:35-7:05-8:05-9:30-10:35

Step Brothers (14A) Fri 2:30-5:30-8-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:30-5:30-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:30-8-10:25

Traitor (14A) Fri 2-5:30-8-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:30-2-5:30-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 2-5:30-8-10:30

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11-1:30-4:30-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:15-9:45

Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-6:30-9

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Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 4-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 7

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Burn After Reading (14A) Fri 4:10-7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 4-7:40 Sat-Sun 3-6:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 4-7:40

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The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-4-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:40

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College (18A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:45-10:30

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 12:20-3:30-7-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:30-7-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-7-10:30

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Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Sat-Sun 1-3:20

Traitor (14A) Fri 6:50-9:15 Sat 3-6:50-9:15 Sun 12:30-3-6:50-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:15

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30

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Burn After Reading (14A) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:40-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:40

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Death Race (18A) Fri-Sun 4:10-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:25

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Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:15

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Sat-Sun 1:40

Righteous Kill (STC) Fri 4-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:10

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Sat-Sun 2:20

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Brideshead Revisited (14A) Fri 6:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-6:40 Mon-Thu 6:40

Burn After Reading (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:30-2:15-3:20-4-4:45-5:45-6:30-7:15-8:15-9-10-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:10-11:50-12:45-1:30-2:15-3:20-4-4:45-5:45-6:30-7:15-8:15-9-10-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:15-3:20-4-4:45-5:45-6:30-7:15-8:15-9-10-10:30

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Death Race (18A) Fri 2:15-3-4:40-5:30-7:10-8-9:40-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:45-12:20-2:15-3-4:40-5:30-7:10-8-9:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:15-3-4:40-5:30-7:10-8-9:40-10:25

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Get Smart (PG) Fri 1:25-3:55-6:25-9:05 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:25-3:55-6:25-9:05 Mon-Wed 3:55-6:25-9:05 Thu 3:55-6:25

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Hellboy II: The Golden Army Fri-Sun 1:35-4:25-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:50

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The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Thu 3:40-10:05

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Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri 1:30-2:35-3:15-4-5:05-5:45-6:35-7:30-8:15-9:10-10:10:35 Sat 11:05-12:05-12:25-1:30-2:35-3:15-4-5:05-5:45-6:35-7:30-8:15-9:10-10:10:35 Sun 11:05-12:05-12:25-1:30-2:35-3:15-4-5:05-5:45-6:35-7:30-8:15-9:10-10 Mon-Thu 2:35-3:15-4-5:05-5:45-6:35-7:30-8:15-9:10-10

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WALL-E (G) Fri 1:55-4:35 Sat-Sun 11:40-1:55-4:35 Mon-Thu 4:35

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Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:40-6:40-9:25 Mon 6:40-9:25 Tue 3:40-6:40-9:25 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:25

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Step Brothers (14A) Fri 3:30-6:35-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:35-9:15 Mon 9:55 Tue 3:30-6:35-9:15 Wed-Thu 6:35-9:15

Traitor (14A) Fri 3:25-6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:25-6:30-9:20 Mon 6:30-9:20 Tue 3:25-6:30-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:20

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri 4:45-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:40-10:15 Mon 7:40-10:15 Tue 4:45-7:40-10:15 Wed-Thu 7:40-10:15

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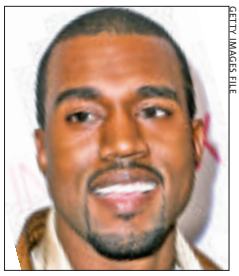

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Rap superstar Kanye West

Police arrest Kanye West at L.A. airport

PEOPLE Kanye West and one of his bodyguards were arrested yesterday at Los Angeles International Airport after an altercation with paparazzi in which the rapper allegedly smashed a camera on the floor.

Airport police arrested West and his road manager, Don Crowley, who also serves as a bodyguard, on suspicion of felony vandalism shortly before 8 a.m., LAX spokesman Marshall Lowe said. He said early reports indicated that a camera valued at more than $10,000 US was broken.

The incident happened before West and his bodyguard passed a security checkpoint that houses American Airlines. The pair were scheduled to board a flight to Honolulu, Hawaii, Lowe said.

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Pop star goes country

Switching gears helped Jessica Simpson open up on new album

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Of all of Jessica Simpson's accomplishments to date – pop star, reality TV star, film star, fashion line, perfume and TV beer commercial star — none has made her feel more at home than this week's release of Do You Know, her debut as a country singer.

"Making this record has been life-changing for me. I finally feel I'm at a place in my life where I can be myself, I don't have anything to be afraid of," the 28-year-old tells Metro.

"To me, the songs seemed just right. All the songs I wrote in Nashville made it on to the record. I wanted to open up a bit more and share my heart – and the only way to do that was to go back to my roots and do things the southern way. Everything seemed to fit perfectly."

Along with co-writing with some of Nashville's finest songsmiths — including Ontario-bred Victoria Banks, the blond Texan cites her duet with Dolly Parton on the power-ballad title track as a defining high point.

Ironically, Simpson endured one of her most painful moments honouring Parton during a Kennedy Center Honors performance in late 2006. A nervous Simpson took to the stage singing Parton's classic 9 To 5 — and forgot some of the lyrics — in front of such attendees as Steven Spielberg, U.S. President George W. Bush, Shania Twain and Parton herself. Simpson ran off in tears and begged to re-tape her performance.

"But Dolly came to my defence," Simpson says. "She wrote me a lovely letter, saying not to let the critics make me weep, to not let go of my talent, to stay focused and follow my heart. She's one of the most incredible people I've ever been around in my life."

Simpson is, however, fully aware that her recent foray into country music, like the rest of her life of late, will be under the microscope from the oft-harsh entertainment media.

Despite the popularity of MTV's Newlyweds: Nick And Jessica and multi-platinum success as a pop music performer, Simpson's much-publicized divorce from Nick Lachey, lukewarm-at-best reviews in her choice of movie roles, and her post-divorce dating life — ranging from Dane Cook, Maroon 5's Adam Levine, John Mayer to her current beau, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo — have given fodder for tabloids and showbiz magazines to run rampant with.

"If I listen to what everyone says or writes about me, I think I would be in a crazy house by now," Simpson remarks pointedly. "I think I've become a stronger person by allowing myself to learn from any negativity that I've experienced in my life."

SONY BMG PHOTO

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Thomas spends more time primping than wife

FASHION Rob Thomas says he spends more time primping than his wife, model Marisol.

"She's the most stylish, but I take longer to get ready," the 36-year-old singer said this week while the couple admired the Marchesa presentation at the Chelsea Art Museum in Manhattan.

"If I were more stylish, I would take less time. But I have no vision, so I have to try on everything at first to see if I want to wear it. She can tell right away what's gonna work and what's not gonna work. But I have to put on the pants, put on the shirt, put on the jacket, put on seventeen other jackets," he explained.

Thomas, whose hits include Push, 3 A.M. and Smooth, said he's less vain than fearful that he'll "look like an idiot."

Marisol Thomas wore a black lace dress by Marchesa, while her husband sported a suit coat and pants — and a shaggy haircut.

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When it comes to selecting his wardrobe Rob Thomas fears he'll "look like an idiot."

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Top albums, according to Billboard magazine

1. The Recession, Young Jeezy, right; **2.** The Block, New Kids On The Block; **3.** LAX, The Game; **4.** Rock N Roll Jesus, Kid Rock; **5.** All Hope is Gone, Slipknot; **6.** A Little Bit Longer, Jonas Brothers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Music

Spin me around

Vinyl records are staging a miraculous comeback

SoundCheck

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In the early and middle 90s, while, it seemed that everyone on the planet was looking to dump their vinyl record collections in favour of CDs because we all bought the line about "perfect sound, forever."

Music stores couldn't phase out their vinyl sections fast enough and fans feared that turntables and styli would go the way of the 8-track. Used record stores were swamped and every garage sale had milk crates full of LPs going for a penny apiece.

Even the radio station I worked at was going digital along with our move into a new building. Almost two decades' worth of vinyl was going to be just thrown away. (It's OK, though, because the staff came to the rescue. I literally backed up a Ryder truck and took home about 5,000 pieces. They're safely and lovingly stored in my basement.)

But that was 1995. Despite the industry's best attempts to kill it off, vinyl did not become extinct. Collectors kept collecting. DJs preferred the tactile feel and action of vinyl on turntables. And manufacturers kept making vinyl records and turntables, including for audiophiles who never believed the hype of CDs in the first place. And while vinyl's share of the market for pre-recorded music dropped to almost zero, it never became extinct.

Today, strange things are happening in the vinyl market. Manufacturing plants are having a hard time keeping up with orders. Major labels are expanding the number of vinyl releases (Check out Warner's becausesoundmatters.com). Vinyl sections are reappearing in both bricks-and-mortar stores and in special sections in places like Amazon. Sales numbers are still small — only 1.3 million records were sold in the U.S. last year — but that represents a 37 per cent increase over 2006.

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And it's not older people driving the market — it's the iPod Generation.

The sheer inconvenience of vinyl — its size, cost, poor portability, fragility, rarity, etc. — is being embraced by young fans as a way of showing how much they care about music. Anyone can download an MP3 for free — but to search for, purchase and then consume music through something as ancient and anachronistic as a record on a turntable? Now that's love. That's dedication. That's downright exotic.

The prospects for more vinyl releases are very good. Now if I could only remember where I packed away my turntable ...

More on vinyl's second life today at ongoinghistory.com

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read the daily Music Geek blog at ongoinghistory.com

Yes to tour with Montreal singer

REPLACEMENT Classic rock band Yes will be hitting the road with a replacement lead singer — a Montreal-based musician who heads up a tribute band.

Bassist Chris Squire says Benoit David will replace Jon Anderson on the In the Present tour.

The tour is set to kick off on Nov. 4 in Ontario.

Yes, which consists of Squire, Anderson, guitarist Steve Howe and drummer Alan White, scrapped their anniversary tour in June after Anderson suffered acute respiratory failure and was ordered by doctors to rest for six months.

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HMV CD chart

The following is HMV Canada's top 10 CDs based on national sales for the week ending Sept. 11:

1. All Hope is Gone, Slipknot
2. Not 4 Sale, Kardinal Offishall
3. Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends, Coldplay
4. LAX, The Game
5. Fame, Lady Gaga
6. The Recession, Young Jeezy
7. Rock N Roll Jesus, Kid Rock
8. Mamma Mia (The Movie) Soundtrack, Various Artists
9. The Block, New Kids On The Block
10. Good Girl Gone Bad: Reloaded, Rihanna

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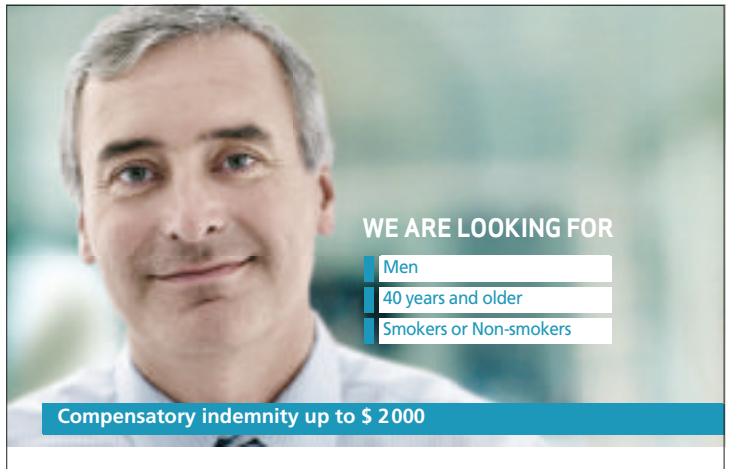

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AC/DC ready to rock Toronto

Angus Young, left, and AC/DC announced yesterday that the band's world tour in support of upcoming album Black Ice includes a date at the Rogers Centre on Nov. 7. It will be the band's first world tour since 2001. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Spreading music top priority

Bedouin Soundclash say musicians must be savvy

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Toronto

You could argue that the term "indie rocker" doesn't mean what it used to, if you listen to Jay Malinowski of Bedouin Soundclash.

The nomenclature, often applied to the Kingston, Ont., trio that has a knack for blending classic rock, soul, reggae and ska, is commonly used to define a champion of credibility; An uncompromising, incorruptible artisan who believes in music for music's sake, who would never let their craft be exploited for the gain of squalid corporate interests.

Well, that's the theory among indie rock snobs anyway, and the "us-versus-them" mentality, noble and romantic though it might be, is not one that the Juno winners share. Their singles, such as 12:59 Lullaby from their latest hit album Street Gospels and When The Night Feels My Song from 2005's Sounding A Mosaic, have featured prominently in various commercials for cellphones, department stores and even television and film.

"That whole Neil Young generation, the one that tells us, 'You're selling out,' it's old thinking. Those days are gone. You need more savvy than that as a band."
Jay Malinowski

Kingston's Bedouin Soundclash headline a national tour sponsored by Toyota Yaris and Exclaim! magazine. The tour rolls into Toronto tonight for a gig at the Sound Academy.

But the band believes that whether you're playing a political rally for the Darfur crisis or a Best Buy in Halifax — they have done both — getting the music out to the public is priority one.

"We get asked this question a lot. It's all the same," says Malinowski. "You can lie and say you're 'indie,' but you make music to get it out there. What's the difference? That whole Neil Young generation, the one that tells us, 'You're selling out,' it's old thinking. Those days are gone. You need more savvy than that as a band."

Savvy they've got in spades, there's no denying it. Skirting the line between indie cred and the widespread exposure that accompanies corporate backing, Bedouin Soundclash is set to headline a national tour sponsored by Toyota Yaris and Exclaim! magazine. The sojourn includes H.R. from Bad Brains. The band has several student-teacher ties with the punk-reggae outfit, after soliciting production help for Street Gospels from bassist Daryl Jenifer and hashing out plans for a future joint dub record.

"He's a great mentor," Malinowski says of Jenifer. "He's been a friend of the band for a long time, and he brought lots of experience and humour with him. We'll get upset about a bad review or something and he'll say, 'Your job is to be an artist, not to worry about that kind of stuff.'"

Exclaim! hits road

- In addition to the Bedouin Soundclash-headed tour, Exclaim!'s rootsy Wood, Wires and Whiskey tour (headlined by Jason Collett) kicks off Sept. 24 in Charlottetown. Its metal-hardcore tour Aggressive Tendencies (featuring Baroness, Genghis Tron and Bison B.C.) starts on the 23rd in Montreal.
- For details visit exclaim.ca.

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Cole cameo
Actor Gary Cole will be swinging by Chuck in the role of secret agent Sarah's father for a single November sweeps episode, a show rep has confirmed. TVGUIDE.COM

TV

Armstrong may return to show

CASTING Actress Samaire Armstrong has been invited back to the TV show she was dropped from as a regular, after tackling "personal issues" in rehab, imdb.com reports.

The former The O.C. star will return as privileged rich girl Juliet Darling in episodes of Dirty Sexy Money next year, but series creator Craig Wright doesn't think her return to the program will be permanent.

"I want her to stop by when it's fun for her, and then (I'll) send her (character) off on new adventures," he tells TV Guide.

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In brief

90210 Shannen Doherty won't be doing any more than the first four episodes of 90210 that she signed on for, reports ew.com. "They asked me to do a lot more," says Doherty. She adds she is in the "middle of pitching a show," so she couldn't "commit" to more time in the zip code.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

New Idol wears crown with pride

Show helped him to overcome his insecurities and shine, Theo Tams says

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

T-H-E-O. His fans root for him by shaking neon-coloured Bristol board letters that spell his name in the air.

He's got an astute, confident expression in his face, and each week he impressed a panel of music industry professionals and millions of viewers.

But despite his obvious exterior poise, newly named Canadian Idol Theo Tams admits he is brimming with insecurity.

"From my first audition, when I walked in with pit stains the size of Montana, I think that I had no choice but to really be myself," said the 23-year-old Lethbridge, Alta., student over a celebratory beer after learning he had won the coveted Idol title.

"From that moment, I said to myself, 'I have insecurities. I have weaknesses just like anybody else,'" he said, clutching his pint of Heineken. "But there's no reason why I can't step up and take this."

"I had no choice but to really be myself."
Theo Tams
New Canadian Idol

And step up he did. It was announced live Wednesday night that Tams beat fellow finalist Mitch MacDonald, 22, of Port Hood, N.S., following a musical faceoff Monday.

Tams' transparency about his internal vulnerability comes from the misconception he said people make about those in the entertainment industry being "perfect little people."

"I think it's (insecurities and weaknesses) that keep it real and keep it interesting and keep it relatable. I hope I never lose those things."

CTV PHOTO

After four million votes were cast on Monday night, Canadians chose Tams as their new Idol.

While growing up, Tams said he struggled with exuding confidence within his family and circle of friends.

On a program like Canadian Idol, where finding success relies on selling yourself, Tams said he was able to take away a sense of gratification in knowing he had defeated some of his youthful failings.

"That's the biggest thing I'm proud of, that I was able to be myself for the whole entire show and people fell in love with that."

While music is a comfort, Tams says it should also be "a challenge to you to step up and be better than you were the day before."

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Baldwin denies road-rage incident

Actor Alec Baldwin has hit back at reports he caused a car crash in a road-rage incident last weekend. "Alec was cut off and thought their cars hit each other, but they actually didn't," a spokesperson for Baldwin said. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

TV

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Mitch MacDonald

Idol runner-up keeps it humble

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Mitch MacDonald never intended to audition for Canadian Idol.

But, after months of performing on live television and winning over the nation, and even though he came in second place, the carpenter from Port Hood, N.S., is sure glad he did.

"It was a really spur-of-the-moment thing," said the soft-spoken 22-year-old only minutes after learning of his defeat. "I knew (the auditions) were going on, I never really told anybody and I was just like, 'What the heck? Let's give it a hook.' "

MacDonald was travelling through Europe and the Middle East after teaching children music in Scotland for four and a half months before trying out for the show. He said he coincidentally landed in Halifax during the same week Canadian Idol was holding their Nova Scotia auditions.

"Because they introduced (contestants' allowance to use) instruments last year, at least I could go up there and play my guitar. Now, here I am!" he says with a humble grin and but a touch of an east coast burr.

While MacDonald may have been less than expectant at the beginning of his Idol journey, he fared considerably well on the program. He beat out more than 10,000 other hopefuls, made the cut to the Top 10 and never appeared in the bottom two or three during any elimination.

"I can't explain how it feels to just lose it by a bit," he said, "I never ever let myself think, 'Oh I'm going to win this.' You just don't know. It's totally out of your hands. All you can do is go out there and do your best."

MacDonald said he never even thought he would make it as far through the competition as he did because of the alternative taste in music he has. Even if his less mainstream musical influences means he doesn't fare so well commercially, he said that's just fine with him.

"If I've gotta hammer some nails and play some gigs, everything happens for a reason. As long as I love what I'm doing, that's cool."

FRIDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 9/12/08	265	353	2	TVO Michael Palin's New Europe		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3	GTV ET Canada	Entertainment	Very Bad Men		NUMB3RS "Velocity"		NUMB3RS "Pay to Play"		News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1 Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere II	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6	CBC Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Farce Live	Comedy Fest.	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY Law & Order: SVU		Survivorman		Secret Life of American Teen		Kaya	Most Amazing	News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV eTalk	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Greek (N)		Law & Order		News (N)
	218	345	11	E! The Insider (N)	E News	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	387	16	CBS Inside Edition	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		NUMB3RS "Pay to Play"		News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC The Insider (N)	Entertainment	America's Toughest Jobs		Dateline NBC				News (N)
	-	386	18	ABC Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The 2008 ALMA Awards Latino artistic achievement. (N)				20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	219	346	20	ACH-B Robson Arms	TMZ (N)	America's Toughest Jobs		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		News (N)
	-	-	28	FOX Judge Judy (N)	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS News-Lehrer	Summer Wine	*Queen Rock Montreal* (1982) Queen.				The Who at Kilburn 1977		Wash. Week
news	500	500	33	CNN Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22	net MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Live)						Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30	TSN CFL Football Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Toronto Argonauts. (HDTV) (Live)						CFL Football: Alouettes at Stampeders		
family	551	542	25	YTV *Aquamarine* ★★ (2006, Comedy-Drama) Sara Paxton.				The Next Star		Falcon Beach		Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	6teen		Total Drama	Futurama	Father of Pride	Robot Chicken	Life's a Zoo
	556	540	51	FAM Life Derek	*The Cheetah Girls: One World* (2008)			*A Little Princess* ★★★★ (1995, Drama)			(10:37) *Look Who's Talking*	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E CSI: Miami "Vengeance"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Bloodline"		CSI: Miami "Nailed"		Criminal Minds
	575	583	38	CMT Chevy Cross Canada Countdown				Johnny Cash Memorial Tribute				Dedicated
	616	521	39	SHO The Best Years (DVS)		The Guard "Live Free"		Cock'd Gunns	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Webdreams	Sin Cities
	294	529	47	TBS Family Guy	Family Guy	*Swordfish* ★★ (2001, Suspense) John Travolta.				Frasier	Frasier	Seinfeld
	581	566	52	MTV MTV Presents	After	Canada's Next Top Model		Run's House	Exiled	The Hills	The Hills	After
	603	561	56	FOOD Road Grill	Licence to Grill	Restaurant Makeover		Tasty Travels	Food Safari (N)	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner Impossible
	300	601	301	M1 *Gone Baby Gone* ★★★ (2007, Mystery) Casey Affleck.				*The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford* (2007)				

SATURDAY

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primetime 9/13/08	265	353	2	TVO National Geographic		*Days of Wine and Roses* ★★★ (1962, Drama)				The Interviews	(10:35) *Clean and Sober*	
	211	331	3	GTV Andromeda		Andromeda		Andromeda (Part 1 of 2)		Andromeda (Part 2 of 2)		News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1 Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Objektyv	Russian Waves		Sinking the Gustloff		MADtv
	210	302	6	CBC MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						Equestrian CN International.		
	214	344	7	CITY Survivorman		Role	Kaya	*Better Than Chocolate* (1999, Romance-Comedy) (DVS)				News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV Fashion Tele.	eTalk	*Terry* (2005, Docudrama) Shawn Ashmore, Noah Reid.				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	218	345	11	E! E News	The Soup	D. Richards	Living Lohan	Dr. 90210		Forbes 20 Under 25		News
	-	387	16	CBS Paid Program	Paid Program	NCIS "Identity Crisis"		48 Hours Mystery "Love and Death in the Wild"				News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC News (N)	The Insider (N)	Chuck (HDTV)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	-	386	18	ABC YouNews TV	Paid Program	College Football Ohio State at USC. (HDTV) (Live)						
	219	346	20	ACH-B The Road to Avonlea		Fringe			TBA	To Be Announced		News (N)
	-	-	28	FOX Martin	Paid Program	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	MADtv
	-	388	61	PBS That's Amore: Italian		The 60s Live! -- My Generation, My Music Classics from the 1960s.						Rain Beatles
news	500	500	33	CNN Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Investigations
sports	405	417	22	net Sportsnet Connected		Billiards US Open 9 Ball 2008.		World Combat League		Heads-Up Poker Champ.		Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30	TSN CFL Football Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Edmonton Eskimos. (HDTV) (Live)						CFL Football: Roughriders at Lions		
family	551	542	25	YTV Wolverine	Transformers	Naruto	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	6teen		Total Drama	Futurama	*Joe's Apartment* (1996, Musical Comedy)		
	556	540	51	FAM That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Father and Scout* (1994, Comedy-Drama)			(10:34) *Dancer, Texas*	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E (5) *Erin Brockovich*		*My Cousin Vinny* ★★★ (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Ralph Macchio.					The Sopranos "Mayham"	
	575	583	38	CMT The 41st Annual CMA Awards		Karaoke Star		Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Grand Opry
	616	521	39	SHO About a Girl	Kink in Hair	*Lost Behind Bars* (2006, Suspense) Paget Brewster.				*The Terminal* ★★★ (2004, Comedy-Drama)		
	294	529	47	TBS Family Guy	Family Guy	*The Gift* ★★ (2000, Suspense) Cate Blanchett.				*I Know What You Did Last Summer* ★		
	581	566	52	MTV Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs
	603	561	56	FOOD Road Grill	Eat, Shrink	Restaurant Makeover		Dinner Impossible.	Bobby Flay	Top Chef "High Steaks"		Ramsay Kitchn
	300	601	301	M1 (7:15) *How to Eat Fried Worms* (2006, Comedy-Drama)				*Michael Clayton* ★★★ (2007, Drama) George Clooney.				*Fracture*

SUNDAY

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primetime 9/14/08	265	353	2	TVO That Taught 'em		Secret Life of the Classroom		Ahead of the Class			(10:35) The View From Here	
	211	331	3	GTV renegadepress	The Simpsons	Big Brother 10 (N)		Family Guy	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1 Without a Trace		Friends	Strong Hearts	Steady Hands	Noi Oggi	Metropia	Metropia	Vamos-Balinho
	210	302	6	CBC Heartland (HDTV)		*Flood* (2007, Drama) Robert Carlyle, Tom Courtenay.				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Blue Jean
	214	344	7	CITY TBA	Two/Half Men	*Be Cool* ★★ (2005, Comedy) John Travolta, Uma Thurman.					Role	News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	So You Think You Can Dance Canada (N) (DVS)				CSI: Miami "All In"		News (N)
	218	345	11	E! Instant Beauty Pageant		Extreme Makeover: Home		Wild Cop Show	Court Show	Final 24		News (N)
	-	387	16	CBS 60 Minutes		Big Brother 10 (N)		Cold Case "Slipping"		CSI: Miami "All In"		News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Cleveland Browns. (HDTV) (Live)						
	-	386	18	ABC Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives "The Gun Song; Free"				News
	219	346	20	ACH-B Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case "Slipping"		Mad Men		News
	-	-	28	FOX The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Fringe "Pilot" An unlikely trio uncovers a deadly mystery.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	-	388	61	PBS Masterpiece "Sense and Sensibility" (Part 1 of 2) (DVS)				(9:15) Masterpiece "Sense and Sensibility" (Part 2 of 2) (DVS)				
news	500	500	33	CNN Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Investigations
sports	405	417	22	net NFL Football	Sportsnet Con.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.						Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30	TSN Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Cleveland Browns. (HDTV) (Live)						
family	551	542	25	YTV (6) *Kicking & Screaming* ★★ (2005)			Prank Patrol	The Next Star		Falcon Beach		Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL George-Jungle	Fraggle Rock	The Raccoons	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	*Tank Girl* ★ (1995, Science Fiction), Ice-T		
	556	540	51	FAM That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Tuck Everlasting* ★★★ (2002, Fantasy)			*Michael* (1996, Drama)	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Sunblock"		The Cleaner
	575	583	38	CMT Canada Countdown		Dedicated		Tara Diaries	Tara Diaries	Tara Diaries	Tara Diaries	Tara Diaries
	616	521	39	SHO The Guard "Live Free"		*Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict* (2008, Docudrama)				Weeds	Rescue Me (N)	Kenny-Spenny
	294	529	47	TBS *I Know What You Did Last*		*Princess of Thieves* (2001, Adventure) Keira Knightley.				*Princess of Thieves* (2001, Adventure)		
	581	566	52	MTV Made Hip hop dancer.		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada-Model
	603	561	56	FOOD Challenge		Challenge		Challenge		Challenge		Challenge
	300	601	301	M1 (6:45) *Unaccompanied Minors* (2006)			Entourage (N)	True Blood (N)		Dexter		Dexter

At the Emmys

• Christina Applegate, Lauren Conrad, Kiefer Sutherland and Jimmy Kimmel are among the presenters set for the Emmy Awards on Sept. 21. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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ABOVE LEFT: Annabelle Parfitt, left, global events manager and Gabriela Asenjo, event co-ordinator. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Justin Parfitt, CEO and founder of FastLife.

WHITE WAS THE party theme at FastLife's Singles Mixer at Lobby. The ladies sipped on cocktails while the gentlemen worked the mostly under 40 crowd.

ABOVE, LEFT: Angela Kar, FastLife guest, and Dan Van Beek, event co-ordinator. **ABOVE, RIGHT:** Daniela Pizarro, Hypercube apparel designer. **LEFT:** Lisa Caroline Leung, PR Media.

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Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 Brisingr: Inheritance, Book III, by Christopher Paolini
Already a No. 1 bestseller on Amazon.ca even though it doesn't come out until Sept. 20, Brisingr: Inheritance, Book III blends fantasy and science fiction in the story of Eragon, who struggles with promises and choices in his hope to rid the land of tyranny.

2 Smallville: The Complete Seventh Season
Just released on Tuesday, this six-DVD box set on the Superman series features unaired scenes, commentary by the cast and creator, a Jimmy On Jimmy featurette bringing together Jimmy Olsens past (Jack Larson and Marc McClure) and present (Aaron Ashmore and Sam Huntington), and more.

3 Michael Phelps
He can swim, but can he be funny, too? Michael Phelps, who recently won a record-breaking eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics, hosts the season premiere of Saturday Night Live tomorrow night. Lil Wayne is the musical act.

4 Feminine hair clips
For minimum fuss with maximum effect, clips featuring girly touches like butterflies and tartan buttons will dress up hairstyles through fall and winter, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

5 Pumpkin
Expect this great gourd to start popping up just about everywhere: Not just in consumable items — pies, loafs and lattes — but in body lotions, face masks and home fragrance items, like sprays and candles.

6 Solange Knowles
Solange Knowles is out to make her own musical mark, without help from her famous older sister Beyoncé, thank you very much. In her second album, Sol-Angel and the Hadley St. Dreams, she sings, "I'm not her and never will be/Two girls gone in different directions, striving towards the same galaxy/Let my star light shine on its own" in the song God Given Name.

7 The Quilt, by Gym Class Heroes
The Quilt, the fourth studio album by the band Gym Class Heroes, has been recently released, but fans who have yet to get their hands on the CD can go to www.muchmusic.com/music/firstspin/gymclass heroes/ to hear the disc in its entirety.

Band changes its tune

Goldfrapp veers away from usual sound on new disc

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

The songs you have on heavy rotation tell a lot about the type of person you are.

That was the finding of a study released last week by Prof. Adrian North of Scotland's Heriot-Watt University. Studying more than 36,000 subjects and 104 musical styles, North identified particular personality characteristics related to individuals' musical tastes.

So what happens for listeners when a band drastically and consciously changes its musical direction?

Fans of London, England's Goldfrapp are facing that question. The duo is comprised of singer Alison Goldfrapp and Will Gregory, who plays the keyboard and synthesizer. In spite of their recent departure from the electronic, synthesized sort of dance-club pop they're famous for, the band's eponymous vocalist says no matter what they do, listener ambivalence will prevail.

"You do expect people will moan if you've done the same thing or people will moan that you've done something completely different," she says.

Goldfrapp enjoyed generous commercial success on its 2005 release, Supernature. The sultry release, evoked best through disco-inspired single Ride A White Horse, reached platinum in the United Kingdom and even received a Grammy Award nomination for Best Electronic/Dance Album.

Making another album like the last release, Supernature, would have been too easy, says Alison Goldfrapp of Goldfrapp.

Hear it

- Goldfrapp plays the Danforth Music Hall on Sunday.
- Goldfrapp's new album is titled Seventh Tree.

But Goldfrapp says making another Supernature would have been too easy.

"We would have probably pleased a similar amount of people who bought Supernature," she says, alluding to their profitable likelihood if they'd released an album in the same vein. "As an artist, you just have to do what you do and what you want to do. You can't do something because you think somebody else might like it."

"People will moan that you've done something completely different."
Alison Goldfrapp

Fast forward to February of this year when Goldfrapp released its fourth album, Seventh Tree. The recording starkly deviates from Supernature, featuring significantly pared down instrumentation, ambient melodies and ethereal, serene vocals. Compare it to the difference between Metric and Emily Haines' solo work, but prettier, with softer vocals and less pronounced instruments.

"There was this sort of longing to put some space back in the music," says Goldfrapp. "Every available space had been filled up with little fizzy sounds or synthesizers popping off."

She indicates the urge to communicate happenings in her personal life as a chief inspiration behind Seventh Tree.

"That was expressed through just sitting around with a couple of instruments that seemed appropriate. When Will and I get in a room and start jamming, it just comes out. And that's what was coming out."

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THE CRACKWALKER The story of a mentally challenged girl in Kingston. Sep. 16-Oct. 11. Tue.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sat. 2:30 p.m. $15-$20; Tue. PWYC. Theatre Passe Muraille Backspace, 16 Ryerson. 416-504-7529.
DANCING WITH THE STARS CAN BE MURDER! A dinner and mystery production. Ongoing. Fri., Sat. dinner & show, 6:30 p.m.; show only, 7 p.m. Show & dinner $40; show only, $25. 2026 Yonge ST. 416-486-7469.
THE FANTASTICKS A musical feat. the hit song Try to Remember. To Sep. 20. Thu.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sat. & Sun. $90; Wed.-Fri. $75. Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall.
JERSEY BOYS Dancap's last production of the season is a Tony Award-winning jukebox musical centred on songs made famous by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. To Oct. 5. Tue.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Wed. & Sun. 2 p.m. $55-$125. Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge St. 416-872-1111.
MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT A comedy about King Arthur and his knights' quest for the Holy Grail. To Oct. 5. Tue.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sat. 2 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m., 7 p.m. $26-$110. Canon Theatre, 244 Victoria. www.mirvish.com.
RING AROUND THE MOON A mash-up of Shaw's Pygmalion with Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest. To Sep. 20. Sat., Mon., Wed. 7:30 p.m. $5-$65. Young Centre, 55 Mill. 416-866-8666.
SHAKESPEARE IN THE PORK A group of burlesque dancers discover a young Jewish Shakespeare. To Sep. 20. Tue. 8 p.m. $12-$15. The Comedy Bar, 945 Bloor St. W.
SCORCHED Tarragon's original 2007 production of Scorched won acclaim and two Dora Awards. To Sep. 28. Tue.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2:30 p.m. $20-$45; $15 Fri. rush; Sun. PWYC. Tarragon Theatre, 30 Bridgman. 416-531-1827.

galleries

A SPACE GALLERY Pilgrimage of Wanderers: Mixed media addressing the issues of mobility, displacement, nomadism and exile. To Oct. 10. 401 Richmond St. W., ste 110.
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BLACK MARKET Reality Check: Mixed media by Global Aware artists. Ongoing. 256A Queen St. W. 416-596-0138.
GARDINER MUSEUM Postmodern porcelain: An exhibit drawing artistic elements from multiple traditions and combining them. To Jan. 4. 111 Queen's Park. 416-586-8080.
HARBOURFRONT CENTRE The Black Hole: Works by Amin Rehman; Twain: Works by Canadian and Taiwanese artists; Shelter: Works by Kathryn Walter; Artists Gardens: Works by various artists; new work by Thea Haines, Kay Lee, Jennane Longman, Amanda McCavour; Sacred Space: Architecture by various artists. All to Sep. 21. 235 Queen's Quay W. 416-973-4000.
THE HIDEOUT How Done It? A Game of Clue for Photography Lovers: By Paddy Jane Gallagher. Ongoing. 484 Queen St. W. 647-438-7644.
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"I gave my customer mulberry leaf tablets because mulberry is known to lower your blood sugar after meals. When blood sugar is stable, sugar cravings disappear. And it worked very well. I started recommending mulberry to many customers and soon noticed that they were losing weight. This made me curious, so I studied the effect of mulberries on blood sugar, insulin and fat burning. Surely enough, because of the effect on blood sugar, mulberry leaves also lead to lower insulin secretion, which makes you able to burn stored fat better and also reduces fat storage from excess calories."

The 10-day diet

When Pettersen increased the dosage, recommending two mulberry tablets before each meal, he found that his customers not only controlled their sugar cravings, but also lost significant amounts of weight.

"I recommended that customers follow the programme for a minimum of 10 days in order to eliminate their need for sugar stimulation. Sugar works as a drug on the brain and people need to eliminate the need for a 'sugar high' if they want to stay slim. Taking mulberry leaves, my customers changed to a healthier diet without even noticing it — they simply didn't crave sugar."

1500 people lost weight

After the success of the first customers, word travelled fast. In the last 12 months Pettersen has worked with over 1,500 customers in Alesund and the surrounding area. He feels that his simple and natural mulberry formula has been a tremendous success.

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TOMORROW
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TEXAS COMEDY MASSACRE 2 Feat. Zabrina Chevannes, Bobby Mair, Tim Nasiopolous, more. 8:30 p.m. Fiddler's Green Pub, 27 Wellesley. 416-580-4153.
SUNDAY
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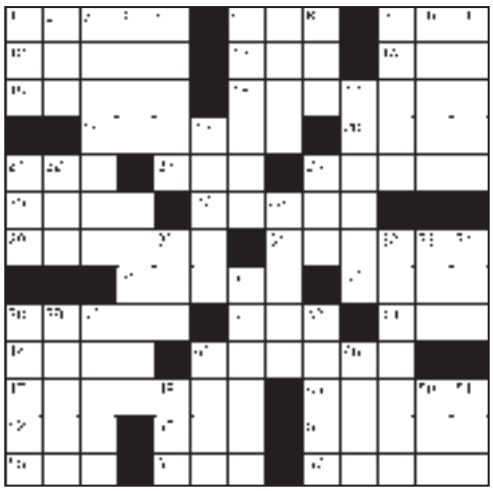
Minogue's private performance in Dubai
Kylie Minogue is to be paid $1.7 million US for a private performance in Dubai. The singer has been asked to sing during a lavish four-day launch party to celebrate the opening of the Atlantis, The Palm resort. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Take Five



Crossword down

1 Possessed
2 "Hail, Caesar!"
3 Politician George
4 Prop for Ben Franklin
5 Feature of italics
6 Third-party collateral
7 Liver secretion
8 Chum
9 Bird skilled in mimicry
10 Grievance
11 More festive
17 Turn to bone
19 Refuges
21 Sprite
22 Links standard
24 Actress Thurman
26 Henson amphibian
28 Dogpatch lad
30 Speed
32 Prizefighter George
33 Robitaille of hockey
34 Historic period
36 Valencia, e.g.
38 Use fingerpaints
39 Miss USA adornment
40 Beginning
42 Deadly
45 Enthusiastic
46 Billion (Pref.)
48 Mal de —
50 List-ending abbr.
51 Sandra or Ruby

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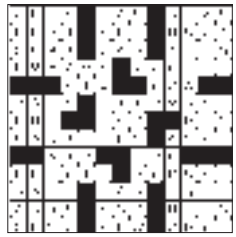
Crossword across

1 Atlanta NBA team
6 "Chicago" lyricist
9 Gas stat
12 Use
13 Round Table address
14 Verily
15 Mississippi area
16 Screen star George
18 Girl named in "The Raven"
20 Rescue
21 Eco-friendly org.
23 Confucian principle
24 Leading man?
25 Deficiency
27 Mentor
29 Put on ice
31 Confound
35 Ex-NFLer Andre, nicknamed "Bad Moon"
37 Part of MYOB
38 Tread upon forcefully
41 Ump
43 Nipper's co.
44 Revealing fashion
45 Mechan-ic's place
47 Inventor George
49 On the clock
52 Exist
53 Early bird?
54 Type of quartz
55 Snitch
56 "Norma —"
57 Jousting weapon

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Your friendliness will attract an impractical person. Don't let anyone interfere with a ridiculous plan. Doubts about challenges will create turmoil.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Revealing too much may ruin your chances. Don't forget a crucial step in a project. This would be a good time to make amends.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Friendship leads to transportation problems. Don't waste too much time on a silly errand. Be realistic about your blissful preoccupation.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your ability to read people is enhanced. A sudden temper tantrum will be obnoxious. An amazing action causes a secret rendezvous.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't be aloof when a friend says something critical. A discussion will be avoided due to a sports event. It's important to be the solution to a problem.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A needy person is reaching out after a break-up. A discussion will cause a big stink. An overreaction will create a tense situation.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A conclusion will come as a power struggle ends. Avoid involvement in a dependent relationship. The honesty of your friends will reassure you.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Rudeness will get a reaction. There'll be a happy ending to an exasperating meeting. A suspicious pattern begins to emerge.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Your openness beats down the barricades of distrust. Focus on a sense of order. A melodrama is caused by someone trying to pull a fast one.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone loves your personal demeanor. A confident manner can put you into a leadership role. Don't assume that you know everything.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A pleasant comment will lighten your mood. Someone will tell you who caused a predicament. Love grows after a discovery is made.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Someone in charge will have a broken heart. Your attraction will be an important and potent force. Information will be skilfully exchanged.

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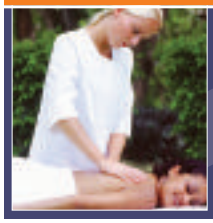
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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min . . . . . Genius
13-17 min. . . . . Scholar
17-21 min . . . . . Smart
21-25 min . . . . . Not bad
25+ min . . . . Keep practising

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Temperature Normals
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Low: 9.8°

Records
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Low: 1.7°/1943

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Campbell films homeless centre promo

Supermodel Naomi Campbell has reportedly filmed a promo video to raise awareness of a London drop-in centre for the homeless where she is carrying out community service. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Dunst 'learns a lot' in rehab

PEOPLE Kirsten Dunst says she's "learned a lot" after checking into rehab earlier this year for depression and is now in a different place in her life," People.com reports.

"Everyone goes through a hard time in their life," Dunst says in the October issue of Harper's Bazaar. "They just don't have to do it in front of tons of people and with our media the way it is. I did, and I'm lucky that I had the resources and the money to take care of myself. Now, I'm great."

Though she hesitates to go into details about her stint at Cirque Lodge, a rehabilitation center in Utah, Dunst says prior to going to rehab she was "enormously co-dependent."

"I wasn't taking care of myself emotionally. I wasn't expressing my anger," she says. "I was making nice all the time."

She even got words of wisdom from an old friend — actor Tom Cruise. The actress keeps a plastic-framed copy of L. Ron Hubbard's Scientology Code of Honor in her home, which was recently given to her as a gift from her former Interview with the Vampire costar.

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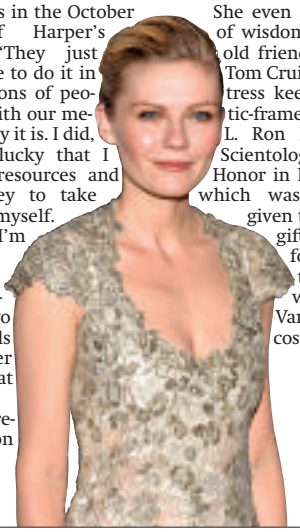

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McLachlan, hubby split

RELATIONSHIPS Sarah McLachlan is separating from her husband, Ashwin Sood, the singer tells Billboard.com.

"I haven't said anything about it because I've been terrified," she said. "But I figure ... there's no good time to say it, so I just said it."

McLachlan and Sood (the drummer in her band) have been married for 11 years and have two daughters, India Ann Sushil, 6, and Taja Summer, 14 months.

The Vancouver-based singer described the split as "pretty gross," but did not elaborate on the causes, People.com reports.

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Ellen upset celeb pals

COUPLE Newlyweds Portia De Rossi and Ellen DeGeneres upset a host of celebrity pals by uninviting them to their summer nuptials, imdb.com reports.

DeGeneres has revealed the couple had originally planned to turn their big day into a star-studded affair, but the pair scaled back when word leaked about the ceremony.

The comedienne instructed wedding planner Mindy Weiss to alert friends the wedding would no longer be a big bash, and the couple instead wed at their home, surrounded only by family and close friends.

"We had 150, 200 people originally, we were gonna do a huge wedding and then at the last minute, we called her (Weiss) and said, 'Please call and uninvite everybody because we just can't do it; it's too stressful,'" DeGeneres says.

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Mariah opposes tell-all

PEOPLE Mariah Carey wants to quash parts of an explosive tell-all being penned by her former record producer Damion "Damizza" Young, who says he'll bare details of the "intense four-year personal relationship" they shared and "worked diligently to disguise from the world's press," Page-Six.com reports.

Young says the singer's lawyer Sonya Guardo, who works with powerhouse celebrity attorney Allen Grubman, fired off a letter reminding him of a confidentiality agreement to steer clear of blabbing any sensitive information about Carey in his upcoming book, Guilty by Association. Guardo didn't get back to Page-Six.

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celebrity brief

Oprah tops list of generous celebs

CHARITY Oprah Winfrey tops a list of the 30 most generous celebrities, compiled by The Giving Back Fund and published in the Sept. 14 issue of Parade, usmagazine.com reports. The 54-year-old talk show host and media mogul gave out $50.2 million US last year to causes.

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celebrity briefs

Berry's ex Benet denies addiction

CONTROVERSY Eric Benet insists the sex addiction that ended his marriage to Halle Berry was all made up, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Benet admits he agreed to seek counselling for a problem he never had in a desperate bid to save his marriage to the actress.

"Going to that therapy, for me, was an attempt to save my marriage," he says. "If you've been unfaithful in a relationship, or your marriage, you're considered a sex addict now. I never really agreed with that philosophy."

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Keira sick of body criticism

PEOPLE Actress Keira Knightley has joked she wants to get pregnant so people won't think she is anorexic, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Knightley, 23, who is often criticized for her slim figure, says she believes she would get a break from her detractors if she had a baby.

"That's a good reason to have a kid. They won't say I'm anorexic any more. S**t, I've got to have a child," she says.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

It's been a bad couple of months for the marriages of Canadian singers.

First **Shania Twain**'s marriage goes kaput, and now **Sarah McLachlan** is fumbling towards Splitsville with her drummer husband, Ashwin Sood. If I'm a marriage counselor, I'm on the phone with **Celine Dion** right now! Now, Sarah and Ashwin were married for 11 years, which translates to 10 and three quarters Canadian, but I have to question why anyone would want to be married to a band mate in the first place.

The Beatles knew better, and I believe that this is one of the main reasons why **Paul McCartney** never shacked up with **Ringo Starr**.

Another question this raises is, "Why a drummer?" Has Sarah never seen This is Spinal Tap before? It's a well-known fact that when drummers aren't choking on their own or other people's vomit, their heads are spontaneously combusting or exploding. On second thought, maybe in her present state of mind, Sarah wishes that would happen to him.

As with any bitter split involving musical celebrities, the important thing is that autobiographical tunes ensue.

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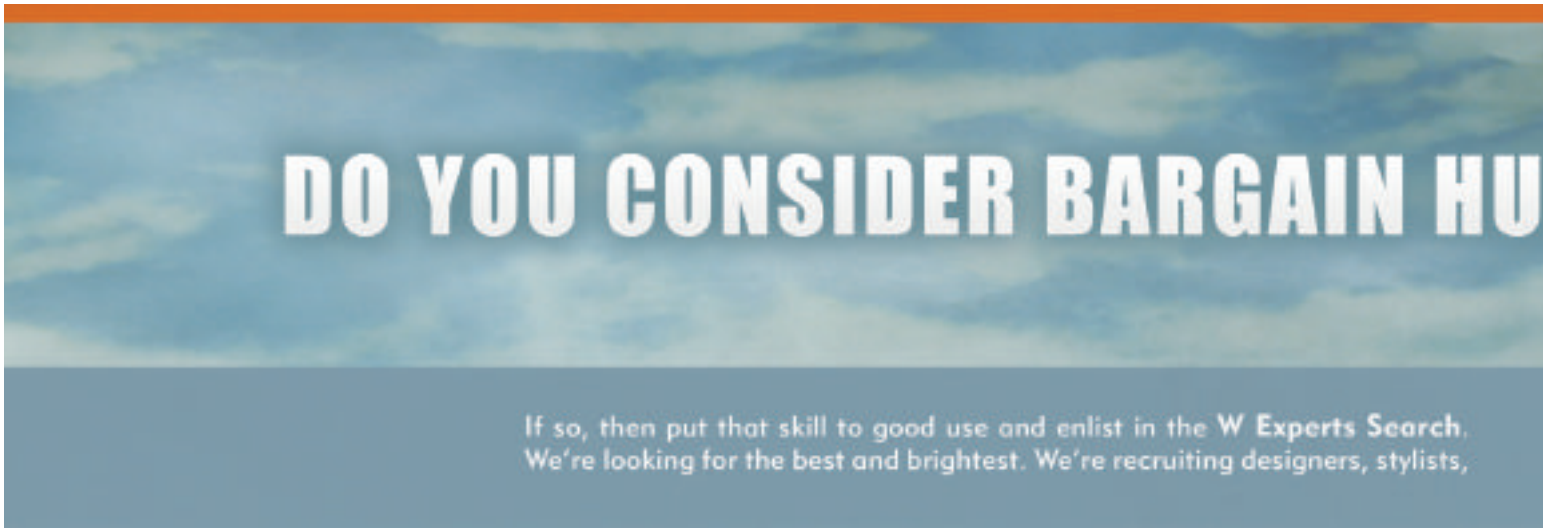
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Philip Seymour Hoffman has denied rumours he will be starring as The Penguin in the next Batman film.
The actor said he had never even met Christopher Nolan, who directed the recent Batman film The Dark Knight. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Jamie touched by book

FAMILY New mom Jamie Lynn Spears brought her mother Lynne to tears after reading her new book Through The Storm, because she loved it, imdb.com reports.

The Spears family matriarch admits her eldest kids Britney and Bryan have yet to read her memoirs, but she's thrilled her youngest daughter likes what she has read.

"Jamie Lynn loved the book," Spears says. "I started to cry because I told her, 'I wanted so much for you to like it.' And she got up and kissed me on the cheek and said, 'Mama, thank you so much.'"

Spears admits that writing the book has also helped her mend her relationship with pop superstar Britney: "We are back to four or five phone calls a day."

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Conrad adds more to resumé

PEOPLE She's already a reality star and a fashion designer, but Lauren Conrad is adding another title to her crowded resumé: Author, People.com reports.

Conrad, 22, has signed on to write a three-book series of young adult fiction for HarperCollins, the publisher tells People. The books – the first of which is scheduled to hit shelves in the summer of 2009 – will be loosely inspired by Conrad's own experience going from an ordinary teen to a reality TV star.

"It's definitely influenced by my own life," Conrad says.

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Britney set to appear in Vogue

PEOPLE Britney Spears' comeback is set to be topped with an appearance in fashion bible Vogue, Britain's The Sun reports.

The singer — who picked up three MTV Awards on Sunday — has posed for top photographer Patrick Demarchelier. His shoot will run in an upcoming issue.

Spears' return to form has been voted as the best ever in a new poll — beating Kylie Minogue.

"In February we were gripped by reports that she had been admitted to a psychiatric unit," a spokesman for Onepoll, who carried out the survey, said.

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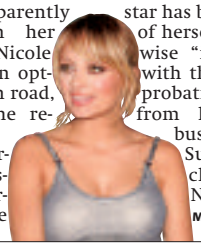
celebrity brief

Richie opting for the high road



PEOPLE Apparently learning from her mistakes, Nicole Richie has been opting for the high road, E! News Online reports.

A judge determined Wednesday that the former Simple Life star has been taking care of herself and is otherwise "in compliance" with the terms of her probation stemming from her 2006 DUI bust, a Los Angeles Superior Court clerk told E! News.

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Aguilera's lavish requests

PEOPLE Christina Aguilera insisted on vanilla-scented candles and four black bath towels and the Jonas Brothers requested room temperature apple juice as part of the their backstage riders at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday, female-first.co.uk reports.

Aguilera also asked for a space heater and two bottles of Veuve Clicquot champagne as part of her pre and post-performance dressing room package.

The Jonases added eight Red Bull Sugar free beverages, plus six regular Red Bulls and 24 pieces of California sushi rolls as part of their list of requirements.

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Kiefer buys $8.2M home

REAL ESTATE Actor Kiefer Sutherland has purchased a new home in New York for $8.2 million US — millions less than its asking price, imdb.com reports.

The 24 star will join a host of other celebrities who have homes in the city's star-studded West Village, with neighbours including actresses Sarah Jessica Parker and Liv Tyler, and supermodel Gisele Bundchen.

According to real-estate listings, the five-storey, 19th-century Greek Revival townhouse remains unrenovated but includes plans for five bedrooms, "open living and entertaining spaces and (an) elevator" within its 4,750 sq. feet.

The townhouse was reportedly purchased in 2006 for $5.3 million and put on the market last January at an original asking price of $12.99 million.

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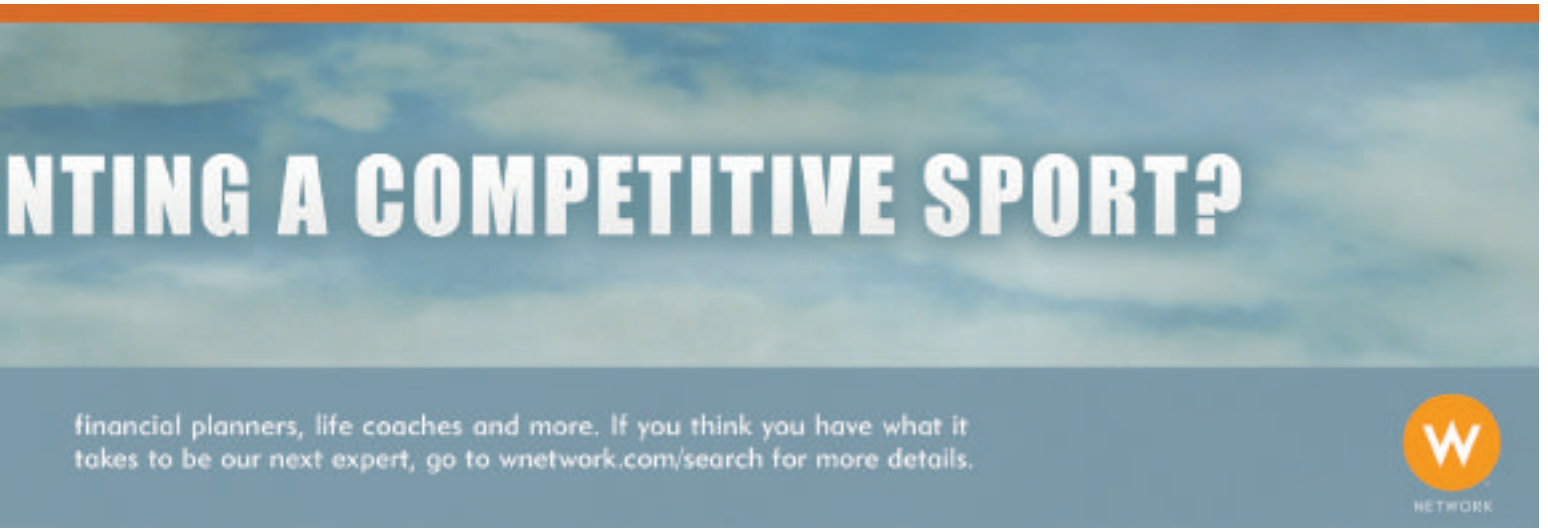
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Growing Minds Week

Triple mortgages. Second jobs. Just how far will parents go for their child's education? Find out, beginning September 14 at 7 pm. TVO's **Growing Minds Week** is seven straight nights of multi-platform content that brings to life the incredible pressure families and society face in the quest for a better education. Watch TVO, or go to TVO.org and TVOParents.com, for fascinating programs, insightful discussion, and fiery debate on this heated issue.

That Taught 'Em
Sunday, September 14 at 7 pm
Designed to get to the heart of the debate about educational standards over the last 50 years, modern-day 16-year-olds attend fictional 'King's School' where they experience a 1950s-style education, exams and school life. Three months later, we catch up with the pupils, to find out what they learned, and the impact the experiment had on them.

The Secret Life of the Classroom
Sunday, September 14 at 8 pm
Exciting, frightening, confusing. Can you remember your first day at school? Filmmaker Fran Landsman spent 11 weeks at Moorlands Infant School in Bath, England, revealing the dramas that mark these crucial weeks in the lives of four-year-olds.

Ahead of the Class
Sunday, September 14 at 9 pm
In this drama based on a true story, an inner-city school is mired in absenteeism, vandalism and violence after the murder of its headmaster. Julie Walters *(Mamma Mia)* stars as Marie Stubbs, brought out of retirement to face her greatest challenge – to save the school and its students.

Make Your Child Brilliant
Monday to Saturday, September 15 to 20 at 7 pm – 6 parts
Does your child have the makings of the next Einstein or Bill Gates? Bernadette Tynan is an expert on gifted children. She embarks on a quest to spot children whose talents and skills are slipping through the net of the education system, and unlock their hidden gifts.

Your Voice
Monday, September 15 (following Make Your Child Brilliant)
Expert guests discuss how you can help your children develop their talents and skills. Viewers can send their questions directly to guests online at TVOParents.com, or by phone at 1.888.891.1195.

Gorilla Parenting
Monday to Saturday, September 16 to 20 at 7:45 pm – 5 parts
Gorilla Parenting is a parents' companion to the children's series The Jungle Room, featuring parenting experts and advice. How to talk to your child about winning and losing, risk taking, leaders and followers, and ethics are just some of the topics covered.

The Agenda with Steve Paikin – Growing Minds
Monday to Friday, September 15 to 19 at 8 pm
The Agenda with Steve Paikin explores and examines education in Ontario in the 21st century. The programs look at the value of the K-12 public education system; make comparisons of the educational methods in grades 8 – 12 in Canada, China, Finland, the United States, and India; put a spotlight on the role of teachers; examine advances in brain research and their impact on teaching methods; and debate what separate schools have to offer.

Through These Eyes
Monday, September 15 at 9 pm
Could the Inuit from the Canadian Arctic teach American kids what it is to be human? That was the aim of an inspired grade school program from the 1970s called "Man: A Course of Study" that wanted American students to see their society in a new way.

Chinese School
Monday to Friday, September 15 to 19 at 10 pm – 5 parts
Eat, sleep, learn. Chinese School is a stunning examination of school children whose road to an education reflects China's struggles, successes, and failures as a world economic superpower. The series captures individual stories of hardship, and of joy and success as we follow the lives of a group of children, families, and teachers over the course of a single, dramatic academic year in a rural Chinese town.

Judah and Mohammad
Tuesday, September 16 at 9 pm
What is it like to grow up in the shadow of a military conflict and occupation, and how are education systems preparing their children for an uncertain future? Two teenage boys, one from Israel and the other from Palestine, who are filmed over 18 months, offer stunning insights.

Admission Impossible
Wednesday and Thursday, September 17 and 18 at 9 pm – 2 parts
Each year in Britain children entering their final year of primary school come under immense pressure to do well in order to get into good secondary schools. Admission Impossible follows the stories of six families from across the country as they battle their way through the admissions system, striving to secure the perfect place for their child.

Saturday Night at the Movies
To Sir, With Love / The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie
Saturday, September 20 at 8 pm
TVO's Saturday Night at the Movies presents two films about teachers who had a profound influence on the lives of their students. *To Sir, With Love* (1967) stars Sidney Poitier as a high school teacher charged with bringing discipline to an unruly class. *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* (1969) stars Maggie Smith as a liberated school teacher who prefers to teach her students about love, politics and art.

For more information, go to TVO.org.

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